

Party leaders join forces as they go to the country again

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

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IN A rare show of unity, the leaders of the three main political parties have written a joint letter to The Times to express their support for the protection of the countryside.

John Major, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown, deliberately echo the language of a similar, though perhaps even more remarkable letter published in The Times. on May 8, 1929, and signed by Stanley Baldwin, then Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald and Lloyd George.

Mr Major and his political foes agreed to set aside their differences at the request of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), which inspired the earlier letter. They write: "During the

next few months we shall differ on so many problems of public importance that we gladly take the opportunity of showing that on one subject we speak with a united voice - namely, in advocating the protection of our countryside in its rich personality and character." Fiona Reynolds, director of the CPRE,

said: "We asked the three leaders if they would write a letter in the same spirit as that of 1929 to mark our seventieth anniversary, which we are celebrating this year. We are delighted they agreed to do so.'

The man credited with the 1929 coup is Sir Patrick Abercrombie, a pioneering town and country planner who three years earlier had played a leading role in founding the CPRE along with Sir Clough Williams-Effis, the architect of the Italian-



Baldwin persuaded Lloyd George and Ramsay Macdonald to sign a similar letter

country lover, is thought to have persuad-

ed the other two leaders to sign." One of

ate fantasy of Portmeirion in North Ms Reynolds said: "It all seems to have

the few written references to the letter is in been arranged through gentlemanly con-tacts behind the scenes. Baldwin, a keen the minutes of an executive committee meeting held on April 24, 1929, which notes that an appeal for funds supported by a leading article had appeared in The Times that morning.

Sadie Ward, the archivist, said: "The secretary of the meeting then read out a ter which it was hoped would be signed by Baldwin and the other two leaders in support of the appeal. This appeared in *The Times on May 8. We know that* Abercrombie had been trying to get such a letter published for some time."

The only other known time that the leaders of the three parties have sent a letter to the Editor was on July 6, 1981, when Margaret Thatcher. Michael Foot and David Steel appealed for funds for a memorial to Lord Mountbatten, but on that occasion they were joined by five other signatories.

The CPRE was launched at a time of

growing concern about the impact on the countryside of rapid urbanisation, fuelled by rising mobility and demand for better housing. Extensions to the Underground were making it easier for people to commute to work and the disfiguring sprawl of "ribbon development" went largely unchecked. One of the CPRE's first successes was a

campaign that forced Shell and other petroleum companies to take down unsightly roadside advertising. It also backed calls for a "green belt" (originally "girdle") round London, which was introduced in 1946.

Baldwin, who spent his boyhood in the Bewdley region of Worcestershire, Continued on page 2, col 5

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Golf Challenge

Myra Hindley may move to open prison BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT MYRA HINDLEY, the moors

murderer jailed for life in 1966, should be considered for transfer to an open prison, the Board Parole has recommended.

The suggestion, which will spark a storm of controversy. was made following a review of her case last month. Michael Howard is now considerthe recommendation, ing which be is under no obligation to accept.

But the Home Secretary faces a dilemma because : rejection could prompt a court

for Hindley. Yet moving her to

an open jail would trigger a

It is understood that the

panel of up to four members -

Hindley: a move could trigger public outcry

open jails for women -

Public sector pay squeeze hits nurses

BY PHILLIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD.

THE Government angered sector workers. The move, rises of 3.9 per cent and senior public-sector workers yesterday by restricting nurses to a national pay rise of 2 per cent a million professionals in a cent. Under a new perfor and cutting back awards to a million - others, - mclouding teachers and doctors." Britain's' 480,000, nurses were told they would have to

which saved £150 million, has abenated groups representing pre-election year. Without staging, the pay, bill would have risen by E884 million or 4 per cent. The average initial pay increase will now be 3 per cent, while the inflation rate is

mance-related pay structure, top civil servants could get up to 11 per cent, but poor performers might get nothing at all. Last year, the Government paid awards ranging

military officers, will receive an average increase of 46 per

an offer dismissed by nurses" leaders as "derisory". The Government added to their anger by declining to follow last year's practice of setting a target that nurses should be able to win from hospitals. While ministers claimed that the absence of a ceiling on local deals could mean that nurses in some areas, would. win much more than 2 per cent, nurses' leaders de-nounced the squeeze as another attempt by the Goverroment to foist local bargain-

rely on local bargaining to

ing on them. The dispute with the ourses and allied groups such as midwives and health visitors overshadowed the announcement of more generous rises, recommended by the independent pay review bodies, for doctors, teachers, dentists, members of the armed forces, judges, senior military and top civil scrvants. The Cabinet was forced to

make staged awards to these groups to protect its counterinflationary policy, to keep borrowing under control, and to check the risk of a pay explosion among other public-

Teachers will receive 3.75 per cent with 2.75 per cent in April and the rest in December. Doctors will get an average of 38 per cent, with dentists on 4.3 per cent. There will be special rises for junior medical staff; registrars will receive 5.3 per cent and house officers will be given 6.8 per cent. In all cases, 1 percentage point of the rise will be delayed

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until December. Judges will be given staged

Brown, the chief executive of British Gas, could retire with £250,000 a year, while a staff CLOSED nurse had been promised an

cent.

increase of only £5 a week. "The staging of the teachers" and other awards is a deception and an admission of economic failure by the Goverrment, who are saying that they are doing so badly on the economy that they cannot afford to pay at once increases which they accept are justified," he said. Ministers judged that the recommended pay rises could not be afforded within the

spendiog increases an-

nounced for Whitehall depart-

ments last November. Fears

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BERNARD LEVIN



Talks ahead: nurses will have rely on local bargaining to top up their award

that some of the extra £830 Senior Treasury officials inmillion Budget allocation for schools might have to be sisted that the decision would not affect the Chancellor's siphoned off for teachers' pay growth forecast for this year of awards is also believed to have 3 per cent. influenced the Government's strategy. Kenneth Clarke, the Conservative MPs are con-

cerned, however, that med-Chancellor of the Exchequer, ruled out raiding the £3 billion reserve to find the extra £150 dling with the review body awards could delay the reap-pearance of the feel-good million needed to pay the rises factor" and undermine the party's political recovery.

Many Tories saw the decision as a victory for Mr Clarke and senior Treasury officials. It was also seen as a strong signal that the Government intends to delay a general election until next spring to allow time for a fresh round of Budget tax cuts and another more generous pay round.

Pay deals, page 8

including a psychiatrist which considered Hindley's case did not suggest how long she should remain in prison.

public outery.

Hindley, 54, who was jailed for the murder of four children, is being held at Durham. Her lover Ian Brady. also jailed for life, does not wish to be considered for parole. The Prison Service has three

Drake Hall in Eccleshall, Staffordshire and East Sutton Park near Maidstone in Kent. Inmates are allowed great freedom to move around, sometimes outside the prison, without being guarded. None of the female open jails has a secure perimeter fence.

Mr Howard is also studying representations from Hindley's lawyers over a decision by Lord Waddington, when Home Secretary in 1990, that Hindley remain in prison for the rest of her life.



"See you on Monday"

Prescription charge is increased by 25p

out of a Common's statement.

Gerald Malone, the Health

Minister also announced that

the maximum charge for den-

tal treatment is to rise from

£300 to £325, but the value of

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PRESCRIPTION charges are to rise by 25p to £5.50p from April, an increase of nearly 5 per cent, the Government announced last night. Labour immediately accused minis-ters of sneaking through the increase in a parliamentary written answer and ducking

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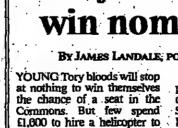
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optical vouchers, given to children and those on income Money made easy support, would go up by only one per cent. Mr Malone insisted that Britain's exemp-Free 24-page guide tion arrangements were still among the most generous in The Magazine, Europe. Fees for prescription pre-Car 96, 1015 for payment certificates will rise by £1.30 from £27.20 to £28.50 young Times readers, for a four month certificate Weekand Money

and by £3.60 to £78.40 for an and Vision, the annual ticket. Mr Malone said that about 85 per cent of prescriptions dispensed in 1986-87 would be free. radio guide THE 8-SECTION TIMES IS 40p

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in full immediately.

beat the driving snow and appear before two party selection meetings in different parts of the country during the same evening. John Bercow, special advis-

er to Virginia Bottomley, did exactly that on Wednesday. night when he was invited to the final selection meetings for two seats with majorities of more than 20,000.

Mr Bercow, 33, was invited to compete with five other candidates for Surrey Heath, 7-day TV and a new seat created by boundary changes with a notional majority of 22,754, and Buckingham, with a notional majority of 20,644 where the list TOMORROW had beeb whittled down to

three.

Mr Bercow and an old political friend, Julian Lewis, organised the trip between Surrey and Buckingham. First, they arranged with both party agents for him to appear first in Surrey and last in Buckingham, to allow enough

Country Club at Frimley Green Surrey, Mr Bercow dived into a waiting chauffeur-driven car at 7.35pm, arriving at the Blackbushe airport at 7.50pm.

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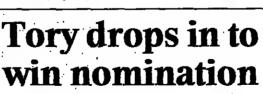
time for the trip. After being interviewed by Tory officials at the Lakeside near Camberley, managing director Pages 6, 21

Mr Bercow, his girlfriend Louise Cumber, and Mr Lewis rushed out to the waiting Twin Squirrel helicopter where pilots Leon Smith and Bob Thompson, were preparing for the 35-minute flight. The three passengers crammed into the back of the five-

announced yesterday under a £3 billion marriage of the Express newspaper group with television station owner MAI. The new company will be run by Lord Hollick, MAI

Accountancy exam

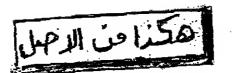
Results of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales' December final examination will be published tomorrow. Copies will be available from London mainline stations from 10pm.



By JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

million breach of contract case with her former publish-er. Earlier, she confessed that she had spent the \$1.2 million advance at the root of the dispute. "A million dollars

sounds a lot, but it actually isn't," she said..... ...Page 3 Media merger A giant new media group was



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To be a marginal Tory is the short straw in the lottery of life

o be born British, an-nounced Peter Butler (C, T Milton Keynes NE) to a oacked House. "is to win the lonery of life". The Prime Minister agreed.

Mr Buller, who said he was quoting Lord Palmerston, was received with cheers if not an impromptu rendering of Land of Hope and Glory. But his claim raises difficulties. First, il was not Lord Palmerston who coined the assertion, but Cecil John Rhodes. Second. Rhodes said "English", not British". Third, it was not a

perspective of Milton Keynes, one-prize lottery to which who cares? It must seem Rhodes was referring. almost the same. And in This is what Rhodes said: Milton Keynes the pressure on "Remember that you are an libraries will be very great Englishman, and have consethere may have been no time quently won first prize in the lottery of life.

for Mr Butler to check his Mere quibbles, of course. references When (as in Butler's case) you But the error we must are Parliamentary Private Seccorrect is the idea that there is retary to the Chancellor of the only one prize in the lottery of Exchequer, you have better life. What about a second things to do than distinguish prize? This, surely, must be to be elected Conservative Membetween one of our greatest ber of Parliament for Milton Foreign Secretaries and a rascally commercial adventurer. Keynes NW. The numbers securing this prize are 01 41 76 English? British? From the



- the Tory majority. Adjacent to Milton Keynes NW lies Milton Keynes SW. This con-Vale of Glamorgan: winning numbers 00 00 19 However, the chap whose fate it was to field questions at stituency is third prize in the the dispatch box yesterday lottery of life, and was won in 1992 by Barry Legg (C): win-ning numbers 00 46 87. was the winner of the biggest booby prize in the lottery of

There are also much smaller life. To inherit the Tory leadership after Margaret Thatcher prizes, one of which is not even in England, but Wales, where is like thinking you've won a double-rollover, then finding Walter Sweeney (C) won the

you've only won £1, and spending it on a duff scratchcard.

Given those circumstances, John Major put up a pretty spirited performance yesterday alternoon. Tony Blair. thin-lipped with frustration, clawed the air for a few minutes on the subject of why key ministers (but nobody else) are receiving the Scott report six days before others. He clawed in vain: the Tories, baying to order, seem to have remembered that the party that bays together, stays together.

First, however, in question place himself four square the Prime Minister, was Grah--behind the Union", criticising am Riddick (C; Coine Valley). Tony Blair's constitutional plans. These came, he said, from a meddling, middle-class public school hoy. Sir Mr Riddick dipped last year into the tombola of life (when Sunday Times reporters posing as businessmen offered him £1,000 to ask a question) Malcolni Thornton (C. Crosby), quoting a socialist docu-ment, said public schools "produce social eripples". and came up with only sawdust. Then he was censured by the privileges committee. Of course Mr Major (as he

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Pluckily, he bats on, but mustreminded us) went to a grambe judged unfortunate, so far. mar school. Nobody asked in fate's lottery: two blank him whether, in his day, the scratchcards and his bonus senior boys received their examination papers six days ball most definitely missing. Yesterday he wanted to early.

Social security cut will cost 20,000 jobs, say unions

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY, JILL SHERMAN AND JEREMY LAURANCE

dermine attempts by Peter Lilley, the Social Security Sec-

retary, to crack down on false

In the Commons, the Prime

"The Government is seek-

have had only a marginal

impact on the growing budget.

Mr Lilley, the Social Security

Secretary, has therefore switched his attention to the

remaining two prongs: fraud

Minister defended the cut-

A POLITICAL storm blew up last night over the Government's plans to cut social security running costs by 25 per cent, with predictions that

up to 20,000 jobs lost. Labour claimed the planned Et billion culbacks would push the benefits system past breaking point and encourage fraud, Unions and charities insisted the cuts in the E4.5 billion administrative budget would hit genuine claimants and said they could provoke industrial action,

Barry Reamsbottom, generbacks, chiding Labour for al secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association. carping on about money spent on administrative costs and said it was impossible to then complaining when the Government cut them to proreduce spending so swiftly without ending the Social tect services. Security Department's policy

Desperate strokes against rising tide

claims.

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

PETER Lilley's three-pronged attack on the social security budget, which consumes a third of state spending, involves a drive to reduce benefit payments, stop fraud and cut

ing to cut back on administraof no compulsory redundancies. He predicted that up to 20,000 jobs would have to go tive costs in the interests of the taxpayer," Mr Major told MPs. "It's right that we should in the next three years.

try and make these efficiencies Chris Smith, Shadow Social Security Secretary, said that because the alternative obviany move to greater selfously is to take the money away from benefits, which we assessment of benefits would inevitably give the "green don't want to do." lights" to fraudsters and un-

Unions are meeting DSS officials on February 19 to discuss the implications for jobs. Mr Lilley said he hoped compulsory job losses would be avoided, but civil servants remain sceptical. Mr Reamsbottom, who represents 50,000 of the \$8,000 civil servants in the DSS, said: "If

it's compulsory redundancies, Buckingham from London. then there's a chance we might Two cars - with their indicaresort to industrial action." tor lights flashing and their The Social Security Departheadlights on - marked out ment was giving no details of the area at Finmere where the where the cuts, announced in helicopter landed with a bump at 8.25pm. a letter to all staff from Ann

Bowrell, permanent secretary, would be made, A spokes-woman said efficiency savings of £550 million had been achieved since 1989/90, but

there was a need for more. Sally Witcher, director of Child Poverty Action Group, argued that genuine claimants would lose out. "I would be amazed if they could bring in cuts of this order and not leave claimants with a worse ser-



Tory flight and sped off for the school. In

the car. Mr Bercow turned to Mr Lewis and said: "Julian, this is the best £1,000] have ever spent." They arrived at the school with minutes to spare at 9pm.

Mr Bercow rushed onto the stage and addressed the faith-Mr Bercow and his friends ful, "Just because I am a little rushed into the waiting car chap, it doesn't mean I haven't

Lilley beats attempt to stall

£200m cut in refugee benefits

got a big ambition," he told them. Mr Bercow was select-

Mr Bercow said last night: "To arrive at a Tory selection meeting by belicopter is a little unconventional but it certainly got my blood up. When an stacle is put in your way

ness to overcome it. It cost me a pretty penny but it was extremely well spent."

ed, defeating Howard Flight and David Rutley.

you need some resourceful-

using, and another of anempting to use, personal data for a purpose other than that for which his police force was - Law report, page 28 Ashdown court evidence Paddy Ashdown gave evidence in court yesterday at Yeovil

Data protection

loophole exposed

Protection for personal information in computers was shown to be weak yesterday when the Law Lords said that it is no crime just to view data on a screen, (Frances Gibb

writes). Upholding a ruling by the Court of Appeal, they held that the word "use" in the Data Protection Act 1984 meant

Magistrates' Court against a constituent who is alleged to bave threatened him with a flick knife. Christopher Mason, 51, who is charged with affray and possessing an offensive weapon, was committed for trial on March 1 at Taunton Crown Court. Mr Ashdown spent about 40 minutes giving evidence. He was also cross examined by Michael Cullum, representing Mr Mason, who was remanded in custody. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Major defends Lords

The Prime Minister said yesterday that Labour's pledge to reform the House of Lords was a "spitcful, thoughless irrelevance". He made it clear that he did not believe banishing hereditary peers from the Upper House woold do anything to bring the constitution into the next century. Tory peers yesterday started working on their own suggestions for more moderate modifications to the Upper Chamber which coold include allowing some hereditary peers to vote alongside working peers.

School seatbelts ruling

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

PETER LILLEY won a High of Peter Brooke, the former in the snow". Steven Kovats,

more than simply accessing information and reading it. By a 3-2 majority, the lords said that a Kent police officer who looked at data on the Police National Computer to check vehicle registrations was not guilty of a criminal offence. There was no evidence that he made any unauthorised use of the information, such as passing it to a debt collector. Mr Brown, 38, of Gillingham, is no longer with the force. In March 1992, he had been fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £1,750 costs on one charge of

bureaucracy. The central prong of this strategy has run into an immovable object: the steadily rising number of claimants.

Since 1979, claimants for the 26 benefits available on the welfare state have doubled. One in six of the working population are dependent on state benefits compared with one in 12 when the Government came to power. More than 30 million claims are paid each year, including child benefit to seven million mothers and state pensions to the ten million retired. Many claim more than one benefit. Efforts to curb benefits such as those paid to single parents

and running costs. Last October. Mr Lilley responded with outrage to Treasury demands for a 5 per cent cut in running costs across all departments. In a leaked letter to William Waldegrave, chief secretary to the Treasury, he said it would lead to "chaotic" services. At the time Labour won-

dered if this mean! Mr Lilley was being asked 10 exceed the 5 per cent cut, it now appears he was. No details were available yesterday on how the 25 per cent savings in administrative costs over three years. workloads, we need to find business efficiencies of at least announced by his permanent secretary, Ann Bowtell, would a quarter by 1998/99." be made.

vice.," she said. " If the quality of service provided by the benefits agency is affected then people are going to come to organisations such as ours.' in her letter, Ms Bowtell makes clear that the 25 per cent cutback cannot be made simply by working harder or pruning costs. "The commit-ment and professionalism of all our staff has enabled us to deliver a major programme of change and to do our work more efficiently. But we face a significantly tougher chall-enge ahead. To keep within budget and cope with rising

Court battle yesterday to halt Conservative Cabinet minisbenefits to thousands of asyter, said the number of people affected by the decision would lum seekers aimed at saving be comparatively small al-£200 million a year. But the legality of the action is to be though he expressed concern tested in a full court hearing in about those who would fall ictim to the cutbacks.

April. Mr Justice Brooke turned Under the new rules, benedown an appeal by the Joint Council for the Welfare of fits will no longer be paid to asylum seekers appealing against a decision to refuse Immigrants to halt the cuts in them status as refugees or to spite of being told that some refugees find themselves destianyone who makes an asylum tute and on the streets without application having entered shelter. He ruled that he had Britain for another reason. "no jurisdiction" to intervene Nicholas Blake, QC, for the JCWI said that asylum seekers over the Government's deciwould have to endure "ex-treme hardship", including "starvation and homelessness sion on benefits, with took effect on Monday.

Mr Justice Brooke, brother

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Meanwhile a friend, Nina

for the Government, said it was "inappropriate" to "stay" regulations which at the moment were the law

ft would cost £1.5 million to change the computers if a stay was granted and another £1.5. million to change them back

once that order was lifted. The full case will be heard at the same time as a challenge by Conservative-controlled Wesminster council and Labour Hammersmith and Fulham. Both have said that they will face big bills because of their continuing duty to house asylum seekers, even though those housed will have no access to benefits.

Commons that he believed Sir

Cabinet gives way on Scott timetable

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON AND PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN MAJOR yesterday led a Tory campaign to ride the storm that will follow publication of the Scott report next week. But after the intervention of Sir Richard Scott, the Cabinet agreed to allow the Opposition an earlier sighting of the report. After Labour protested that

advance, the judge wrote to the Trade and Industry Department that Robin Cook ought to see the report early. The Opposition will now receive it at about midday, three hours earlier than planned, a concession that Labour dis-Mr Cook said: "This is not the way to handle a serious and considered report that

page." The media will have to wait until 3.30pm to see

Minibuses and coaches used to carry children to and from school or on school trips will have to be fitted with seatbelts from February next year. Steven Norris, the Road Safety Minister, announced yesterday. But proposals for europewide regulations forcing all coaches to be fitted with scatbelts remain unresolved in Brussels and may not be implemented this century. In the meantime Britain is going alone in implementing regulations requiring a lapbelt to be fitted to every seat used by a child aged 16 and under.

Tory council's triple zero

One of the last eight Tory-controlled district councils in England has set a zero rate council tax for the third year. running, despite losing £800,000 from its central government grant. Residents in South Staffordshire will have to pay the county council and local parish precepts, amounting to £452 for a Band D home. This is a 4.6 per cent increase compared with an expected national-average rise of 8 per cent. The Conservatives bave an overall majority of one on the 50-seat council.

Rave vicar goes to US

The disgraced "rave" clergyman Chris Brain has left Britain for America to try to make a comeback in the music and media business. Mr Brain, 38, who allegedly abused up to 20 women during his Nine O'Clock services in Sheffield, left the country without his wife after Christmas, according to his lawyer. Stewart Lale said: "Mr Brain has gone to America because he is less well-known there than bere and he considered his chances of finding employment in Britain remote. He wants nothing to do with cults or religion."

The postman bites back

The Royal Mail has declared an entire street a no-go area after a postman was bitten twice by the same dog in a few weeks. Jock Kilpatric, 55, a postman for 32 years, was first attacked by Henry, an Alsatian cross, early in January, while approaching the door of the house in Causeway, Chessington, Surrey. Last week Henry struck again, Now, in what is believed to be the first time the Royal Mail has suspended deliveries to a street because of a dog, residents are having to collect their mail from the sorting office.

Cedric's bacon saved

Cedric the pig, who was paraded in front of British Gas shareholders last year as part of a protest against executive greed, has been saved from the slaughterhouse by becoming an honorary member of the GMB general union. The union saved the 200lb saddleback sow, which had become infertile and fat after eating to many biscuits offered by children, by arranging an early retirement package that would include guest appearances at union events. Cedric will continue to live on Mudchute Farm in east London until she dies.

peace bid FROM MARTIN FLETCHER DICK SPRING, the Irish Foreign Minister, sought to persuade President Clinton vesterday of the merits of a Bosnia-style conference to break the impasse in the Northern Ireland peace it would receive the 1,800-page report only half an hour in One day after the British

missed as minor.

statement that was studiously neutral and said only that the President "emphasised the importance of rapid progress to all-party talks".

mained convinced that the way forward was to bring all parties together in one venue but different rooms for "proximity talks", replicating the formula the Clinton Administration used last year to hammer out a Bosnian peace agreement

However, he did not entirely reject Britain's preference for elections as a route to allparty talks. He said elections tended to be divisive while negotiations led to consensus, but "the onus is on those proposing elections, the British Government and the Unionist parties, to convince the nationalist parties that an elective process can assist what we are all trying to achieve, which is all-party

Richard had carried out his task thoroughly. While not agreeing to Tony Blair's repeated demand that he should say that the investigation had been fairly conducted, the Prime Minister appeared to be trying to convince MPs that he was relaxed about the outcome That impression was en-

hanced by the unusual ap-pearance in the House of Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General and the minister likely to be subjected to the greatest criticism in the report. Sir Nicholas, who has seen the report, looked composed, as. did William Waldegrave, another minister likely to be

under pressure next week. A debate on the report is schedwill go to the heart of the way uled for February 26. the Government is run. That means about six seconds per

A team of civil servants across five government departments began a detailed anaysis of the judge's findings copies. Mr Malor told the vesterday.



Continued from page 1 reflected these concerns in a series of speeches imbued with a nostalgia for a rural Eng-land that was already passing. of England." In 1924, he said: "The sounds of England, the tinkle of the hammer on the anvil in the

country smithy, the cornerake on a dewy morning, the sound of the scythe against the whetstone, and the sight of a plough team coming over the brow of a hill, the sight that has been seen in England since England was a land, and may be seen in England long

and every works in England and old maids bicycling to has ceased to function, for centuries the one eternal sight

The countryside he evoked still bore some resemblance to reality when Baldwin died in 1947. In the half-century since it has vanished as completely as the Empire itself.

Mr Major shares some of Baldwin's nostalgia but not his eloquence. When he wanted to evoke a similarly romanticised idea he drew partly on George Orwell for his image of "long shadows on after the Emnire has nerished _____ county grounds. warm beer,

Holy Communion through the morning mist". Orwell's view . of Baldwin was jaundiced, to say the least "One could not even dignify him with the name of a stuffed shirt: he was simply a hole in the air." Today the CPRE has a branch in every county in : England and 45,000 members who pay an annual subscription of £17.50. These do not include Mr Major, Mr Blair

or Mr Ashdown. The parallels with 1929 are not exactly happy for Mr Major. Within three weeks of

signing the letter. Baldwin led the Tories into a crushing defeat in the general election on May 30, when the number of Tory MPs fell from 419 to 260. With 288 Labour MPs. Ramsay MacDonald formed a minority Government, and, just as Paddy Ashdown now hopes, Lloyd George's Liberals had a pivotal role with 59 MPs. But within two years the Labour Government had disintegrated in bitter splits and a Tory-dominated coaltion was IN Office.

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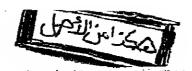
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Government all but dismissed the idea. Mr Spring explained it to Mr Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore during a 30-minute meeting at the White House. He emerged saying that the two men had agreed at least to consider the idea.

The White House issued a

Mr Spring said he re-



\$1m sounds a lot but it actually isn't. I don't have it. It has already gone'

Joan Collins takes a pounding over missing advance

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

JOAN COLLINS took a verbal mauling in the witness stand yesterday in a \$4 million breach of contract case with her former publisher. Earlier, she confessed that she had spent the \$1.2 million advance at the root of the dispute. "A million dollars sounds a lot.

Million donars sources a loc, but it actually isn't," she said. Miss Collins is being sued by Random House for failing to deliver a satisfactory manu-script for two novels. A Ruling Passion and Hell Hath No Fury. Random House is seeking the return of its advance, while Miss Collins is countersuing for the balance on the \$4 million.

Outside court Miss Collins said that the \$1.2 million had gone. The taxman takes 40 per cent, my agent took his 10 or 15 per cent - 1 don't remember which. And that doesn't really leave you a great deal," she told the New York Post. "I don't have the \$1.2 million. It has already gone." In court, she was called as a

hostile witness by Robert Callagy, Random House's sleek lawyer. He showed that in an earlier lawsuit she claimed to have suffered from writer's block during the com-

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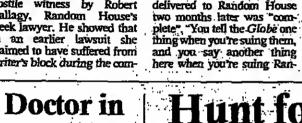
BY A STAFF REPORTER

A DOCTOR onvicted of:

clear his name vesterday.

Dr Sujaan Singh struck

Mark Leak, 15, with a 2ft stick



A red-cheeked Miss Collins replied with a weak smile and left the witness stand, breafiing through her nose. In her remarks to the Post, Miss Collins complained that the case was cosing her "a very great deal". She said: "it is about power. About powerful forces. Swifty Lazar, who was my agent, was so very powerful. Random House is one of the most powerful pub-lishers in the world. I'm not an Joan Collins: being sued international corporation. I'm

for return of advance

kind of money they do." She added that Random position of books commissioned by Random House. House's editor, Joni Evans, During an invasion of pri-

when courting her for the book deal, had "seduced" her vacy case against the Globe newspaper, Miss Collins had claimed that the distress she "like a man trying to get a woman in to bed. She told me how wonderful I was, how terrific. She kept telling me I was the greatest thing since sliced bread. She told people: "I want Joan Collins in my stable so much I can taste it." suffered from the publication of indiscreet photographs of her with a man had quite put her off writing her novel.

Collins: "No. no." Mr Callagy: "Don't you have any shame?"

one person. I don't have the

Mr Callagy argued that her claims during that lawsuit were at odds with her claim At the end of her evidence now that the manuscript she Miss Collins, elder sister of the novelist Jackie, dabbed her left eye and took out a tissue. She then left for a private room, where she was closeted for 25 minutes.

David Troughton and Josie Lawrence, named best actor and actress in the Shakespeare awards

Comedian wins Shakespeare prize

BY DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

JOSIE LAWRENCE, the comedian who began her career in working-men's clubs, has been recognised for her work as a classical actress. Her performance as Kate in *The Taming* of *the Shrew* won the Daine Peggy Ashcroft prize for best actress yesterday in the Shakespeare Golden Globe awards in London.

Despite the comedy within Shakespeare's battle-of-the-sexes play. Law-rence, 36, had seemed a surprising choice for the Royal Shakespeare Company. Although she had always wanted to be an actress, she had not played any Shekespeare of the second second second Shakespeare since drama college. As a

comic-actor venturing into the world of the Bard, she was following in the footsteps of Frankie Howerd and

Lawrence, best known on television for the improvisation show Whose Line Is It Anyway?, said earlier this year. "I knew I needed to get back to more theatre. I could either do quiz shows and join the celebrity circuit, or go back to where I started." The play transfers from Strat-ford-upon-Avon to the Barbican Centre

in the spring. The Sir John Gielgud award for best actor went to David Tronghton, who has been playing Richard III as a devious jester and supporting John Nettles in Ben Jonson's The Devil is an Ass. The

cause of dismissal.

The written adjudication of

undermined what we

Richard Burton award for most promis-ing newcomer went to Helen McCrory for her Lady Macbeth. Silviu Purcarete, director of The Tempest at the Nottingham Playhouse, won the Peter Brook award for best director. The Almeida Theatre in Islington, north London, won the Sir Tyrone Guthrie award for best production for taking its Homlet, star-ring Ralph Fiennes, to Hackney and New York. The judges included the Times critic Benedict Nightingale.

Nick Park, 37. creator of the animated characters Wallace and Gromit, collected four awards for A Close Shave including the public choice for favourite film - at the British Animation Awards last night.

issued these proceedings."

Hunt for rapist Convicted Verger lost job over affair killer after woman is stood for, his position had become untenable, Anyone BY RUTH GLEDHILL forties, told the tribunal at **RELIGION CORRESPONDENT** Bury St Edmunds, Sulfolk, attacked that he had been forced to who works for the Church THE head verger at Ely Cathedral resigned after ad-mitting an adulterous affair with the organist's wife, it was disclosed yesterday. Malcolm resign, but the tribunal said knows there are traditions and found murdered Christian principles to be ob-served. It is not necessary to there was no evidence of this. teenager Its written decision said, that even if it had considered his spell it out." BY STEPHEN FARRELL argument, he would have been refused compensation The Dean admitted that the cathedral had originally tried to gloss over Mr Johnson's Johnson, married with one the inquiry, said We are. A PSYCHIATRIC patient who because his conduct was the

raped a teenage girl was a convicted killer who had unfair dismissal. Mr Johnson had an 18served only five months in a secure hospital before being released back into the

community. Ranjeet Matharu; 39. stran-gled his sister in 1986 during

an argument at their home in

Hounslow, west London. He

was convicted of manslaugh-

ter due to diminished respon-

sibility and sent to a secure

mental hospital. Months later

ssment but yesterday granted

daughter, has lost a claim for

month romance with Sally the tribunal lifted a reporting Trepte, wife of Paul Trepte, the restriction on naming Mrs director of music. She broke Trepte. The cathedral's Dean. the Very Rev Michael Hig-gins, told the hearing: "Havoff the affair after her lover's resignation. Mr Johnson, who is in his ing

NEWS Lincoln clergy ask **Carey** to end row over dean BY RUSSELL JENKINS

SENIOR clergy have called on the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, to resolve the long-running crisis at Lincoln Cathedral and rule on the

future of its dean. About 30 canons overwhelmingly approved a resolution at a confrontational meeting between the Very Rev Brandon Jackson, Dean of Lincoln, and his Chapter yesterday, urging Dr Carey to deliver his verdict and take decisive action.

Dr Carey sent two senior churchmen to talk to both factions late last year. Many clergy in the diocese believe the archbishop has been shting on the findings and has delayed publication.

After yesterday's meeting Canon Raymond Rodger, personal assistant to the Right Rev Robert Hardy, Bishop of Lincoln, said: "The majority feel matters are so bad it can only be resolved by a change of personnel. We want a decisive view from the archbishop."

It was not clear last night whether Dr Jackson, 61, would comply with any ruling from the archbishop. He was appointed by Downing Street in 1989 and, legally, he is untouchable until his retirement at the age of 70.

The dispute can be traced back to an exhibition of the cathedral's Magna Carta in Australia in 1988 to raise funds, It lost £56,000, The following year Dr Jackson was appointed Dean and invited the fraud squad to investigate the cathedral's affairs.

The atmosphere worsened last summer when Dr Jackson was acquitted in a church coosistory court of sexual misconduct with Verity Freestone, 31, a former cathedral verger. Dr Jackson believed he was

the victim of a conspiracy. A spokeswoman for Dr Carey said: "The archbishop shares the widespread anxiety departure by saying it was for "health reasons". He said: "He and concern that has been expressed about the situation was offered a good package. at Lincoln Cathedral. He is No one wants to see these actively considering the impliaffairs laundered in public. 1 cations of the report but these found it quite amazing that within a formight he had are complex matters and it would not be appropriate to make further comment."

BY RICHARD DUCE A POLICE hunt was under assault after hitting a teenager way last night for a convicted he caught stealing apples from rapist after a mother of two his garden won a court case to was found murdered at her way last night for a convicted. urging anyone who has knowledge of Mr Farrant's whereabouts to contact police." home overlooking a yacht

Mr Farrant is thought to marina near Portsmouth. live in the Portsmouth area Police issued a picture of a and to have connections with as he clambered over a fence man they named as Victor. Sussex He is about off lin tall with apples in his pockets. At Farrant and warned the pub-an appeal hearing at Leicester lic not to approach him. A shoulder-length wavy hair. man they named as Victor . Sussex. He is about off lin tall

The case continues.

Kenneth Williams, among others.

Crown Court a judge ruled he did not know Leak was only scrumping and used reasonable force to defend his

Dr Singh, 4l, a theatre anaesthetist, said: "My faith in British justice has been sustained. 1 still believe I did the right thing."

He told the court he picked up a stick as he ran into his garden after seeing two boys from his bedroom window. "I was shouting to the boys to stop but they kept running. One got over the fence, the other was straddling it. I just managed to reach him with the tip of my stick, with which I hit him. My intention was to apprehend him and give him over to the police."

Leak, now 17, was later tried to get in on a number of cautioned for theft but told occasions during the evening and at midnight police broke in and found the body. officers Dr Singh struck him twice with a metal pole when he was on top of the fence.

Dr Singh's costs for the appeal and original magistrates' court hearing last summer will be paid from central funds. He had been ordered to pay £123 costs and given a sixmonth conditional discharge by magistrates who found him guilty of common assault.

The Crown Prosecution Service decided to prosecute him after he refused a police caution for the alleged assault on the teenager in August 1994. | David Hanna, who is leading

spokesman said: The man we ... Appealing for Mr Farrant to come forward. Mr Hanna are looking for is very said: "He used the vehicle on a. dangerous."

The body of Glenda Hosnumber of occasions and may kins, 45; an accountant, was be in innocent possession of. found in the attic of her Ello,000 three-bedroom terraced house in Sennen Place, next-to the marina at Port Solent, where the television series Howard's Way was filmed.

Police said the children were

"deeply traumatised" and de-

tectives were waiting to speak to them. They are being comforted by relatives.

Officers said they were anx-

ious to trace Mrs Hoskins's

Mrs Hoskins was last seen after taking her children to on Wednesday at 8.30am when she took her children to school. Inquiries are under way to see if she kept it. A post-mortem examination school. The alarm was raised was carried out yesterday by when her daughter Kate. 17. the Home Office pathologist came home but could not get in because the door was locked Dr-Roger Ainsworth but the from the inside. Kate was result was said to be inconclujoined by her brother David, sive. Further tests will be made, but death by natural 14, and they telephoned their father, George, who was sepa-rated from their mother. They causes has been ruled out.



white Ford Escort Cabriolet, registration number M987 APO, which is missing. Police said they believed Farrant was the dead woman's boyfriend. Detective Superintendent

the car. We are anxious to doctors considered him locate him and eliminate him cured" and released him. In November last year a from the inquiry." Mrs Hoskins worked from Knightsbridge Crown Court jury found him guilty on two home. Police said it was known she had a business appointment on Wednesday charges of rape, one of inde-cent assault, false imprisonment and kidnapping. Judge Aglionby adjourned sentence for psychiatric asse-

> extra time to doctors who said they did not know the extent of Matharu's condition. He told Matharu he would be jailed for life or sent to a maximum security mental hospital. The court was told that Matharu, of no fixed abode. toured west London in the van in which he lived searching for victims at random. The rape happened in June last year as his victim was walking home through Fulham. Matharu, wielding a screw-



name, address and telephone number he drove her home. Matharu was caught the next night after be tried to pick up a Polish au pair who fied and alerted police.

Newbury guards bypass soup and superiors on the road to defection

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THREE security guards employed to police the Newbury bypass protesters have changed camps because of heavy-handed tactics by some of their colleagues. Last night the men were enjoying "one or two bevvies" in an en-warrior encampment at Tot Hill, towards the southern end of the route. Friends of the Earth.

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which is spearheading the campaign against the by-pass, said it was delighted at the defections. A spokesman claimed that many of the guards were fed up with the Reliant security company. They forbid fraternisation with the protesters and have employed heavy-handed tactics in dealing with the

A spokeswoman for Reli- Shepherd from Portsmouth. protests."

heavy-handedness and said: his superiors assaulting a female protester and making "People are quite entitled to a remark. "I was told to stand change their views of life. We cannot legislate for people's opinions. We live in a democin the car park of a nearby garage. While I was there I racy." She had visited the site told two policemen what I had seen." He had then been on Wednesday and, despite the cold, had found the 597 sacked. Graham Wanstall, the othother guards in good spirits, thanks to three soup-runs a er defector, said he was day cameraman to a linesman Brette Shepherd, 20, one of after trying to film a senior the defectors, who was unemguard hitting a protester. Friends of the Earth said ployed for two years before. joining Reliant, said the final straw was being ordered by a

last night that the three had been given free membership supervisor not to chat with and were to be feted at a rally the environmentalists. - "It. and march this weekend. was all too much, so I have A spokesman for Thames given it up. I am staying at Valley Police said he could the camp for the rest of the not comment on the allegaweek."

Stephen Ray, like Mr tions of assault

ant dismissed claims of said he had witnessed one of in the centre of Newbury was halted when about 30 protesters climbed on to lowloader lorries and strapped themselves to machines being taken to the site. A Thames Valley Police spokeswoman said. Both southbound lanes of the A34 through the centre of Newbury were blocked and demoted from a security at one point there was a ninemile tailback." She said that seven people were arrested and charged with wilful obstruction of the highway. Church groups around Newbury are angry that a religious service planned for today on the bypass site will be led by a Church of England vicar from Cambridgeshire. They fear the service will appear to con-Earlier, rush-hour traffic done the protesters' activities Pay no legal fees if you call Direct Line now.

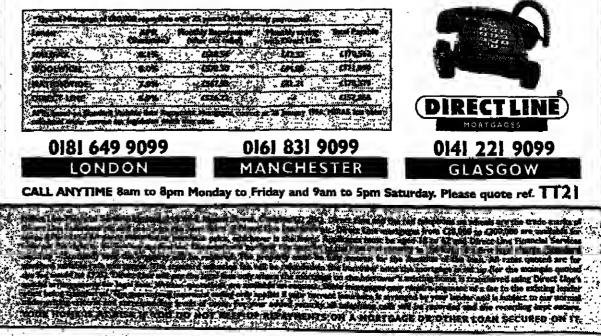
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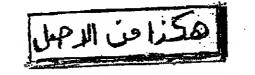
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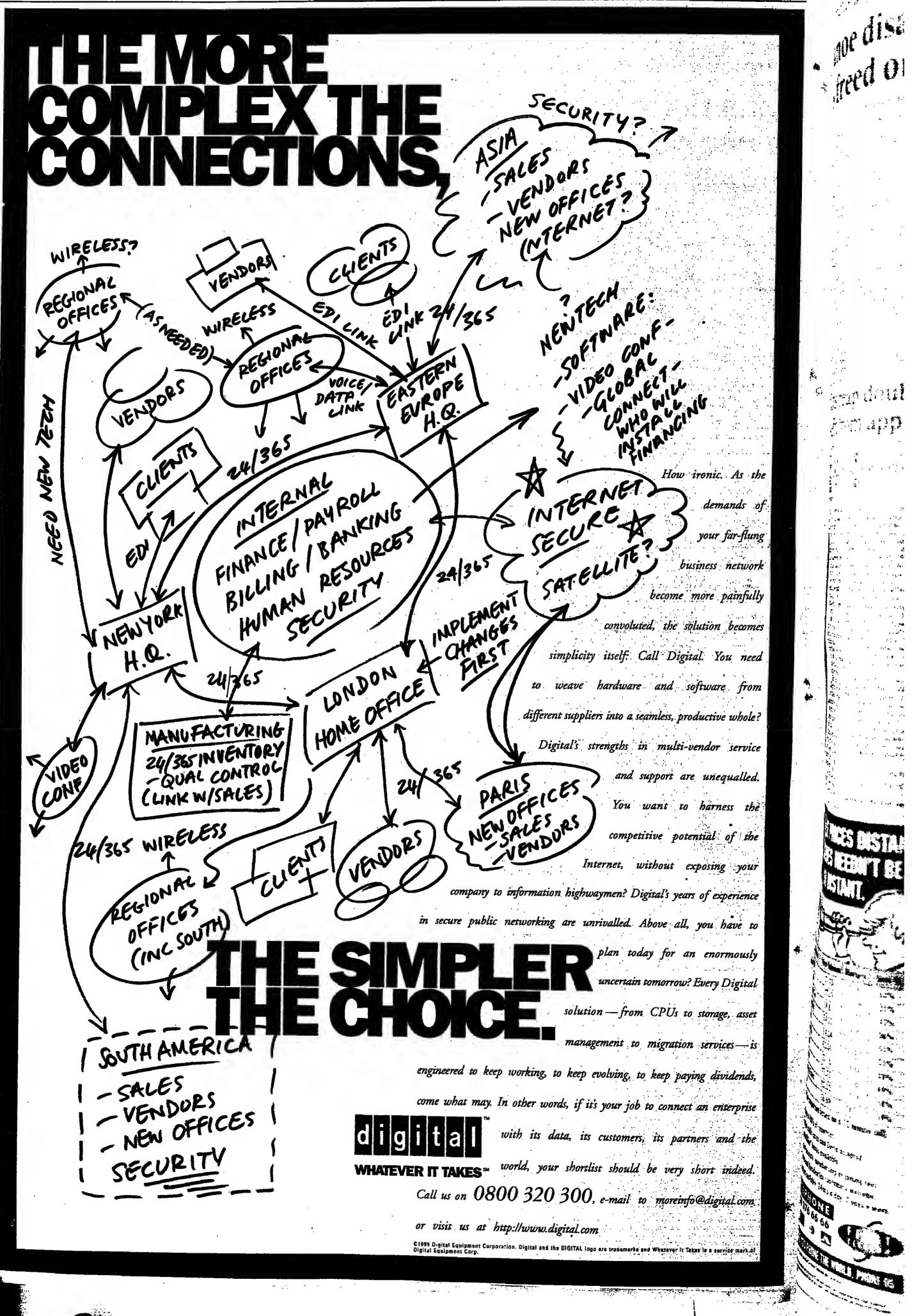
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Parents angry at cut in sentence **Canoe disaster chief** is freed on appeal

BY A STAFF REPORTER

manslaughter of the four young victims of the Lyme Bay canceing disaster, is to be freed. Peter Kite, 46, who has spent 14 months in jail, had his three-year-sentence cut by a year by the Court of Appeal yesterday. With remission he is eligible for immediate

Kite, of Richmond, southwest London, had his appeal against conviction on four manslaughter charges dis-missed by the same judges. Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, sitting with Mr Justice Harrison and Mr Justice Thomas, said that they were "wholly Walker, 16, said: "Kite was satisfied" that the verdicts sentenced to three years but returned by the jury at Win-chester Crown Court in Decenter Crown Court in De- was sentenced in death. Why cember 1994, were not in any couldn't Kite behave like a way unsafe.

Way unsaic. But they agreed to cut the sentence after hearing from Edmund Lawson, QC, repre-.sentence?". senting Kite, that the longest -sentence ever passed for simi-

THE managing director of an lar charges of manslaughter activities centre, jailed for the cansed by gross negligence was 21 months. The trial judge had based -

his sentence on the fact thatthe charges were serious and demanded a term "of sub-stance". Lord Justice Swinton Thomas said: "We entirely agree with that comment by the judge, but in all the case is circumstances of the case is three years too long?" He said the judges had agreed that an appropriate sentence would be two wars

two years. Parents of the victims gathered outside the court con-forting each other. Deals Walker, father of Rachel will soon be free. My dang man and serve the rest of his -

Caroline Langley, mother of Claire Langley, also 16, said: 1 am just sad and angry about three years because that is what has happened. This is a

the victims." Kite was head of the St Albans Centre which was also convicted of four manslaughter charges and fined £60,000 at the Winchester trial. Four sixth-formers from Southway School, Plymouth, died on March 22, 1993, during what was described at the trial as an "ill-conceived and poorly exe-

life sentence for the parents of

cuted cance trip. The teenagers took part inwhat was meant to be a twohour paddle to Charmouth, Dorset, but the weather worsened and the cances be came swamped, forcing the teenagers into the water for hours. The other victims were Dean Sayer, 17, and Simon Dunne, 16. Four children and three teachers were rescued. - Dean Sayer's father, Gerry. -said at his home in Plymouth that he was disgusted with the

decision to free Kite. "I cannot believe it, he should have done what he was given, "he said.



Enid Ashby with the weather vane design eventually approved by the PCC

HOME NEWS 5

Vane dispute will not blow over

BY JOANNA BALE

A DISPUTE over the design of a church weather vane that has divided a Kent village for four years has been resolved, although not to everyone's satisfaction

Enid Ashby, 85, decided in 1992 to raise funds for a new vane for St Mary the Virgin. Rolvenden, to replace the original, which was blown down. After many hours making Christmas and birthday cards and selling lavender from her garden, she raised £800 and presented her design for the vane, a donkey standing on palm leaves, to the parochial church council. But her idea feli foul of David Barham, the squire,

and his wife Catherine, who dismissed it as "asinine" and tried to persuade the PCC to reject it for a more traditional arrow design.

The PCC has now informed Mrs Ashby that a compromise vane, designed by a local artist, has been chosen. Mrs Ashby has refused to hand over the money she raised.

"This has upset me a lot and at the moment I feel that I am not going to church any more," she said. "I thought it was an original idea. Every-

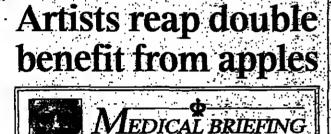


Mrs Ashby's design that was rejected

body has cockerels or arrows and I thought a weather vane with a donkey on it standing on a palm leaf instead of an arrow would depict the Christian story."

The approved design is an arrow and, as a concessioo to Mrs Ashby, the figure of the Virgin Mary on a donkey, within a circle of leaves topped with a cross.

"The Mr Barham said result is a compromise for the sake of village unity. An anonymous donor in the village has come forward with £1,000 and a blacksmith has been commissioned. A lot of work has gone ioto finding this compromise and I am now happy to forget about the whole dispute."



inanceally more pendent after his banker father died, he was reluctant to travel. As a result he frequently painted samilar scenes, he it a monitain he could see from his house, or the apples that always seemed to be inside it.

Ceranne was not alone in his love of apples, but where: as he saw in them infinite and variable beauty — there are more than 7,000 varieties — he and his contemporaries also valued them for the effect malignancies. on their bowels.

The slogan "An apple a day, wash rather than peel an keeps the doctor away" was apple before cating it. Dis-carding the peel and leaving not based on any great know-ledge of the nutritional value all the core halves the amount of apples, but was rather an of fibre and vitamin C availapple apple general health as regular physical exercise is today. STUTTAFORD Unlike the pargatives of the Victorian cra, apple juice has no sinister side effects. The Cezanine of the day, page 29 THESE PRICES DISTAN **RELATIVES NEEDN'T BE** SO DISTANT \$3.40 62% £1.28 DSA 35% £7.39 £11.34 32% £4.81 \$7.05 South Africa 36% £6.56 £4,22 Hong Kong 51% : £8.77 £4.34 55% £5.23 £2.34 Asstrali £9.94 28% £7.16 49% £3.40 £1,75 14% £2.22 22.59

THE Cezanne exhibition that Institute of Food Research 1115 Cezame extinution that opened at the Tate Gallery yesterday is predicted to be a great success, with at least Although the artist was his banker father died, he was he was her banker father died, he was her wiener in different he was her banker father died, her was her wiener in different her wiener in din different her wiener in different her wien the science of apples." The applea day advice may have a scientific basis. Apples comain sugar, dietary fibre

potassium, vitamin C and some carotenoids, responsible for the yellow, red and orange colours in fruit and vegeta-bles. It is probable that the carolenoids provide protection against heart disease and It may well be better to

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HOME NEWS 6

THE TIMES FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9 1996

Fast-track libel cases would go to judges By FRANCES GIBB

A FAST-TRACK procedure for libel claims up to £10,000 was unveiled by the Government yesterday. The Defamation Bill will introduce a summary procedure in which judges, not juries, can dispose of more straightforward claims.

The Bill will also allow new defences for defendants willing to offer amends to plaintiffs and to pay whatever damages a judge might assess. Providers of electronic media services, such as the Internet, will be protected against libel proceedings. Those who do not have primary responsibility for publication. such as printers, distributors or sellers, would also have a defence. The aim is to get cases before a judge more quick-ly and reduce the number going before juries to long. expensive trials. Judges would have the power to dismiss weak claims and. in the case of strong claims, to make awards of up to £10,000.



By ALEXANDRA FREAN MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

TWO peers from opposites sides of the political spectrum announced a merger yester-day that will create one of Britain's most powerful media conglomerates.

The Daily Express and Sunday Express, once part of the mighty Beaverbrook empire, are combining with MAL. owner of two ITV stations and a money-broking business, in a defensive move that will remove the threat of takeover from both companies. Lord Stevens of Ludgate,

throughout.

chairman of United News and Media, is a true-blue Tory it would be crazy to change the political stance, it is part of their hrand." Observers who has pledged to ensure that his national newspapers continue to support the Con-servative Party. Lord Hollick, chairman of MAI, is a cardcarrying Labour supporter and eschews the trappings of nobility. He despises his City under the new regime. Although the Daily Star. United's other daily, has long been seen as its most vulneranickname, the Red Baron, and is referred to in the merger documents as Clive Hollick. Lord Stevens uses his bile

said it was safe, adding that it Lord Hollick is expected to was an "excellent" newspaper. In spite of their differences. call all the shots in the newly merged group. He said yesterthe two life peers have some day: "I will probably continue things in common: they are both from the middle classes in read [the Express] and continue to disagree with it ... and built their careers in

over their respective press and television interests like the oldfashioned media barons.

Lord Stevens was born into a middle-class family, the head of which invented the first hearing aid to be worn in the ear. Although prickly, tough and proud, Lord Ste-vens shows glints of humour. "He is not really the kind of person you would have to dinner unless he were chair-man of a newspaper," one associate said.

Regarded by some as a shrewd operator, others con-Express Newspapers: takeover threat gone sider him out of his depth in Fleet Street. Since he took the helm of United in 1981. the circulations of his two flagship titles have continued to debelieve, however, that the Excline. The Daily Express selis press newspapers, which have been the most loyal to John 1.28 million copies, compared Major of all national biles, are with more than four million in the mid-1950s. The Sunday tile has a circulation of 1.33 million. against a high of 4.2 million in 1965. likely to mellow their tone

Although Lord Stevens has made a last-disch attempt to ble national title, Lord Stevens restore the titles to their earlier glory by appointing new editors and increasing invest-ment, it is believed that they desperately need new management

Lord Hollick is wiry and

financial services. Neither has intense, a buildog of a man, ever had the absolute power said by associates to be driven said by associates to be driven by ambition. He is a grammar-school boy from Southampton, whose father was a French polisher. He studied

> became the youngest director of Hambros Bank. He helped to sort out the Mirror group after Robert Maxwell's death but resigned his directorship soon afterwards. He moved into tele-vision in 1994 - an interest

that stems in part from his Trinidadian wife. Susan Woodford, a former director of ITV's World in Action. The rationale behind the merger is that it will allow both companies to make cost savings in the areas of newsgathering and distribution. The company envisages the creation of multimedia digital newsrooms to serve its national and regional papers and its television stations. There

will be also be opportunities for cross-promotion between the print and television operations.

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sociology, politics and psy-chology at Nottingham Univ-ersity, where he was president of the drama society. At 28 he The deal, page 21

Archbishop Worlock, left, and Bishop Sheppard, whose united leadership encouraged ecumenism

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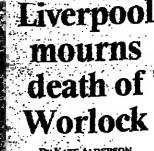
BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH A PLAN to reintroduce the European beaver to Scotland : is under threat after children found one of its Canadian cousins at the side of Loch Lomond. It is the second

thought to have escaped from a private collection Sandy Kerr, head of biodiversity at Scottish Natu-

ral Heritage, said the two types could create a hybrid.

that might prove sterile. How-

Beith, Ayrshire,



BY KATE ALDERSON AND RUTH GLEDHILL

TRIBUTES poured in yester day for the Most Rev Derek Worlock, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, who died peacefully in his sleep after a long battle with cancer. Archbishop Worlock's close friendship and working rela-tionship with the Right Rev David Sheppard, Anglican Bishop of Liverpool, helped to unite the city and inspired better relations between the churches. Their close friendship earned them the sohriquet "fish "n' chips", because they were always together and never out the newspapers. Bishop Sheppard said: "All the Churches have lost a great archbishop. The city and people of Liverpool have lost a great champion." Archbishop Worlock, 76, died in hospital at 5.30am yesterday. His death came 20

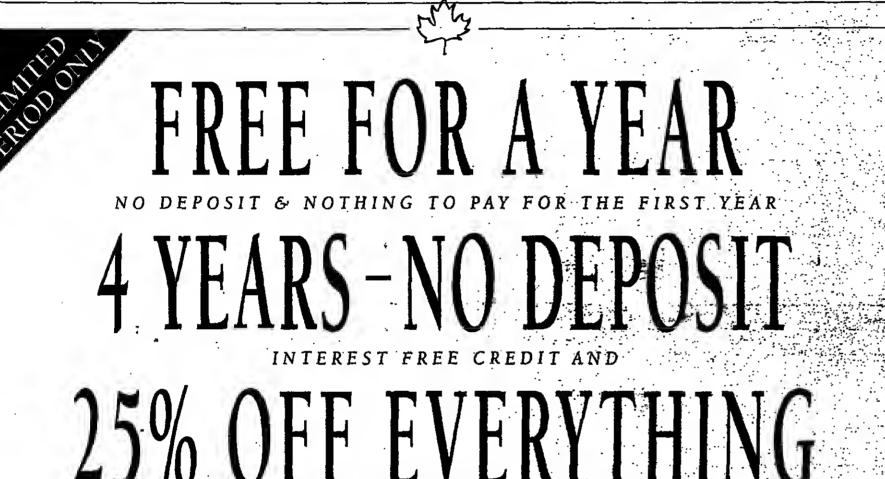
ears after he took up his post

years after he took up his post in the city and three days after his 76th birthday. He had surgery to remove his left lung 32 years ago after contracting cancer and wast, admitted to hospital last July suffering from exhaustion. He had a brain tumour that was inoperable.

A single bell tolled at a A single ben innervair a hunchtime mass in the city's Roman Catholic cathedral yesterday. The tributes praised a man universally regarded as a champion of the poor, scourge of sectarianism and devotee of Liverpool. and devotee of Liverpool. Cardinal Basil Hume, Arch-bishop of Westminster, Said Archbishop Worlock was an outstanding servant of the Church. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. George Carey, said: "His ministry reached far beyond the bound-aries of the Roman Catholic aries of the Roman Catholic community and touched with grace all the Christian churches of our land. The search for a surcessor is almost complete. Front-runalmost complete. Front-fun-ners are the Right Rev David Konstant, Bishop, of Leeds, and the Right Rev Patrick Kelly, Bishop, of Salford. A popular choice would be the that might prove sterile. How-ever, he hopes the problem can be overchine if there are few Canadian colonies. The female, beaver found echained by the loch is flow recovering in the Hessilfrad Wildhie, Rescue Centre at Beith. Avrshire

Right Rev Vincent Ni Bishop in North London and a Liverpudhan Obituary, page 19

Buying food for your heart's delight -BY ROBIN YOUNG



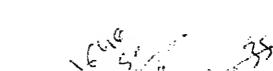


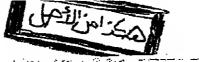
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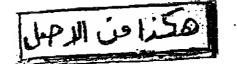
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Services face rent increases in £227m package



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Nurses say 2% deal is insult to the profession

BY JEREMY LAURANCE. HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

NURSING unions reacted with a mixture of outrage and disbeliel yesterday at the gap between their award and the near 7 per cent rise for some junior doctors. Christine Hancock, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, said: "Today's award is derisory. Nurses will expect equality with junior doctors. They are worth 6.8 per cent too."

The rises for doctors and dentists of up to 6.8 per cent took the highest paid consul-tant to £100,140.The nurses were awarded a 2 per cent increase in national pay scales plus an unquantified amount to be negotiated locally. The Royal College of Mid-

wives said the award was "insulting" and sent a signal to women that "their health and that of their babies is devalued*

Junior doctors salaries range from £22,000 to £42,000 including overtime compared with £10,000 to £24,000 for

nurses. Unison said the pay award would do nothing to solve the staffing crisis in the NHS. Malcolm Wing, deputy head of Unison, said: "Staff will continue to leave the service in droves, leading to even more

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A SHARP increase in rents for Service married quarters was announced yesterday as part of the overall pay deal for the 227.400 men and women in the Armed Forces. The package will cost taxpayers an extra £227 million in the next financial year. Most rents are to increase by 10 to 15

per cent, and by 25 per cent for the biggest houses, in an attempt by the Armed Forces Pay Review Body to match Service rents with those in the

private sector. To cushion the blow. the increases will be staged. Despite increasing concern over

Army recruiting shortages, particularly for the infantry, pay differentials still favour the top brass. The four most senior officer ranks - field marshal to major-general and their equivalents in the Royal Navy and RAF - are to receive an average increase of 4.6 per cent (ranging from 3.9 to 5.6 per cent) and the remainder 3.5 per cent (3.2 to 3.8 per cent) by December I.

The salary of Britzin's most senior

military officer, Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff. will rise to E125,850 and that of the most junior soldier, a newly recruited private, to £8,921. The higher award will affect 153 senior officers, including four generals, 11 lieutenant-generals and 43 major-generals.

However, the differential between the highest and lowest ranks is absorbed by two other elements of the award which only benefit Service personnel of the rank of brigadier and below. The men and women in this category will receive an additional "X

factor" increase of 0.5 per cent, a special "disruption" allowance, and a beneficial change in the way pension liability is assessed that will mean the equivalent of a futher 2 per cent in take home pay, phased over two years. The rest of the pay award is also

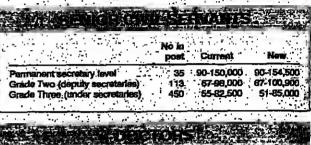
being staged so that I per cent of the increase will be held back until December 1. The bulk of the award will be paid from April 1.

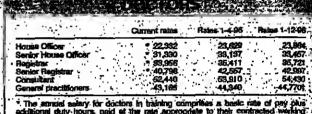
Last year the most senior officer ranks were awarded a 3.2 per cent increase. All other ranks received an average 2.6 per cent.

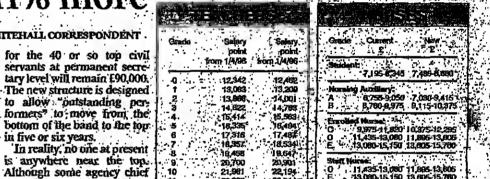
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President of Family Division;		
Vice Chancelor	110,137	112.791
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Outer House Judges of Court		
of Session	98,957	100,511
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magistrates	59,327	60,270







care." NHS unions are to meet on Monday to discuss plans for a nationally co-ordinated campaign to put an agreed pay demand to each individual NHS trust. Nurses sought total rises of 8 per cent and physiotherapists and other professions allied to medicine asked for 16 per cent in evidence to the pay review bodies.

The unions are angry at the Governments refusal to set guidelines for the size of the local element of pay award. Last year, nurses received a national pay award of I per cent with a recommendation that trusts should offer up to a further 2 per cent. By the end 3.8 per cent rise with a 4.8 per of the year, following threats of industrial action, all but a handful of trusts had paid the full 3 per cent.

Under an agreement that secured the end of the pay dispute last autumn every NHS trust will raise its pay scale by the full 3 per cent already agreed by the majority of trusts from 31 March.

In contrast with the nurses, the Government has dropped to take up the offer according



December.

the British its drive to introduce local pay to for doctors. Consultants and Association.

Junior doctors will receive GPs are to receive a national increases ranging from 4.3 per cent to 6.8 per cent. However, only the few who do no overtime will receive the bigcent increase for dentists, with no local element. The rises wil be staged, to ease the pressure gest rises.

He would not be drawn on

the likely size of local awards.

He said the 2 per cent national

rise was a floor from which

local negotiations could start.

on NHS trusts budgets, with Stephen Dorrell, the Health the final I per cent paid at I Secretary, said comparing the nurses' award with that of Last year consultants were offered up to an extra 2.5 per junior doctors was not comparing like with like. The cent on top of the 2.5 per cent national rise if they signed local contracts. Morw than 90 nurses, the policy is locally per cent of consultants failed negotiated pay."

Top civil servants may get 11% more

By NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

SOME civil servants could have an 11 per cent pay rise this year under a new perfpolicy is not 2 per cent for, ormance-related pay structure. The Review Body on Senior Salaries recommended that pay increases for about 3,000

in five or six years. top civil servants should In reality, no one at present is anywhere near the top. Although some agency chief range from nothing for "unsatisfactory performers" to 11 executives, including De Lewis, the former head of

bed closures. School leavers will continue to look elsewhere for a career."

However, the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts said the national award of 2 per cent was "too large to give the complete flexibility that trusts want" to negotiate their own rates of pay.

Philip Hunt, the director, said: "Next year will be very tight financially. Trusts want to be fair to staff but at the end of the day they can't let pay increases eas into the resources available for patient

Dorrell: defended equality for nurses local negotiations

any central norm on what local pay should be. That should be left to local negotiations." Defending the size of the increases to junior doctors he said: "They are an example of pay being targeted at specific pressure points to ease shortages. Mr Dorrell defended the staging of the pay award to

"If you spend money on staff Hancock: demanded salaries you have less money for growth in activity." he said.

Tax-cutting Government accused of giving

with one hand and taking with the other

You will not find me offering per cent for the tew assessed as "truly exceptional". Greater flexibility in order to attract senior managers from the private sector lies

behind the new system. From April, individual government departments will determine pay increases, thus limiting the role of the review body, which will in future recommend only broad bandings.

A 3 per cent rise in the doctors and dentists, which is maximum payable to permaexpected to save £30 million. uent secretaries will allow the Government to offer up to E154,500 to recruits from the private sector. The minimum

paid more than £130,000, highest paid officer. in traditional Civil Service is Robin Butler, the Cabin Secretary. He is pa Ell8,000. Sir Terry Burn Permanent Secretary at the Treasury, is paid £110,000. The overall Civil Servi pay bill is expected to fall by

Prison Service, have be

per cent as staff numbers fa The pay for about 1,550 judg is to be raised by 3.9 per cer and the Lord Chief Justice's 2000-plus pupils 42,839-55,032 43,366-55,566 will rise to E127,217.

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Teachers' unions fear bigger classes and job cuts

BY JOHN O'LEARY ANO DAVID CHARTER

THE phased pay award for teachers of 3.75 per cent brought predictions of further increases in class sizes, redundancies and shortages of staff in key subjects.

Teachers will get a 2.75 per cent rise in April, with a further 1 per cent in December. The award will be worth 3.1 per cent over the full year and cost an estimated E346 million.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, accepted the pay review body's recommendation of a bigger increase in starting salaries to attract more graduates. Entrants to the profession will be paid £14.001 by the end of the year, a rise of 4.88 per cent.

Mrs Shephard accepted all

the main recommendations in the review body's report, but decided to pay the award in stages to ease the strain on school budgets. "I believe this is a fair settlement which reflects the continuing need to ensure that the profession attracts, retains and motivates between each grade. individuals of the required

quality." Head teachers said the will be reviewed against "performance criteria" agreed with phasing was outrageous and the overall increase would do governors. The review body did not support Mrs Shephard's suggestion that nothing to raise morale. Local authorities and governors said incentives should be intromany schools would not be duced to encourage teachers to able to afford the increase take jobs in difficult schools. without shedding teaching David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, said 74 posts and raising class sizes.

The review body made several of the 119 local authorities recommendations to make would have less to spend on education next year after pay-ing for the teachers' pay rise, teachers' pay more flexible, encouraging governors to re-ward good performance. The pay spine will be lengthened despite Budget promises of more money for schools.

with the addition of half points The Government is being dishonest over school fund-ing," he said. "Ministers must From next year, extra pay-ments for heads and deputies now exotain how increased class sizes and cuts in teaching posts, books and equipment can be avoided. It is irresponsible for ministers to acthe review body and then to pass the buck to a local level." A time-bomb of teacher shortages was predicted by the Association of Metropolitan Shephard: says the Blunkett: attack on

settlement is fair ministers' "dishonesty"

teachers will feel they have got a had deal which lowers morale, and class sizes will Authorities. Graham Lane, who chairs the education com-mittee, said: "The pay review body recommended 3.75 per rise because schools will not cent with no phasing in an attempt to head off a recruitment crisis and also to im-

be able to afford extra staff to prove retention. Instead

ment of robbing teachers at Union of Women Teachers. the top of the pay scale of £10 a. month by phasing in their pay rise. Doug McAvoy, the gener-al secretary, said: "The little" that has been given will mean. teacher job losses and an inevitable further rise in class sizes to the detriment of child-ren. Instead of leaving schools to struggle to meet the increase the Government should accept responsibility for fund-ing the award in full." The last time the Govern-ment provided cash for the

teachers' pay rise was during the run-up to the 1992 general election. Pupil numbers will rise by 86,000 in the new school year, adding to a 6 per cent rise since 1990 when the 439,500 teachers was the same .

as the current figure. deal with rising rolls." Nigel De Gruchy, general The National Union of secretary of the National Asso-

said: "Only last November. Chancellor Kenneth Clarke was busy handing out tax concessions: Today we are told the Government cannor afford to pay its salary bill on time. Another case of giving with one hand and taking back with the other."

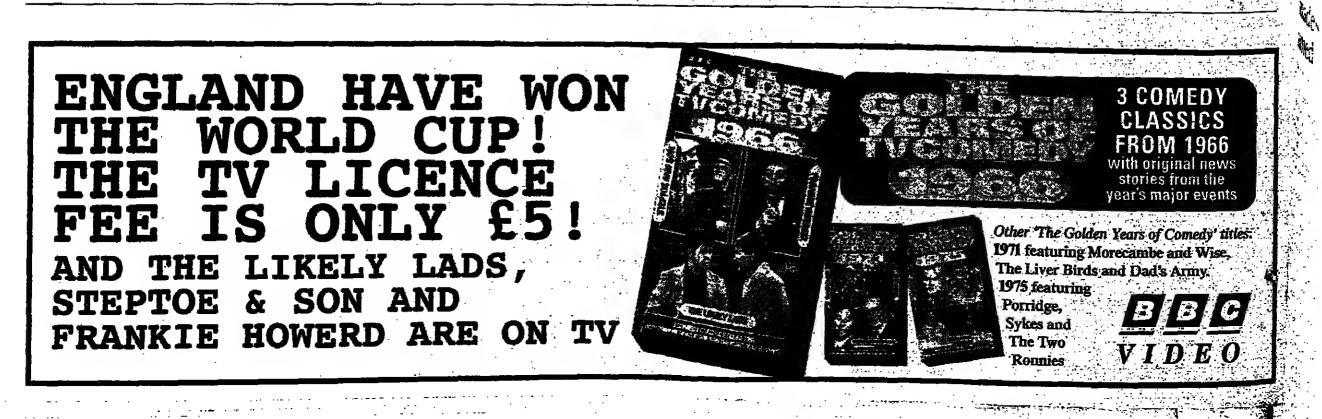
The Association of Teachers and Lecturers told the review body that a rise of at least 7.5. per cent was needed to attract. the best graduates. Peter-Smith, the general secretary predicted further redundant cies among teachers because of the Government's refusal to fund the award. The Association of County

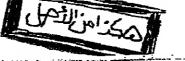
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Councils said the award would mean authorities hav-ing to find an extra 2275 million over the £100 million they were already spending Teachers accused the Govern- ciation of Schoolmasters and above theoretic budget limits.





HOME NEWS

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Jailed activist was denied access to a solicitor

Republican wins £15,000 from human rights court

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING republican activist, who was jailed for eight. years for his part in helping to falsely imprison an RUC informer, was awarded £15,000. costs by European Union human rights judges yesterday. The judges ruled that John Murray's human rights were violated because he was refused access to a solicitor while being questioned about abetting the detention of an IRA volunteer who had turned informer. The ruling is likely to lead to changes in legal practice in Northern Ireland, where exclusion of solicitors from interviews is allowed.

But the European Court of Human Rights found in favour of curbs on the right to silence operating in Northern Ireland. They voted by 14 to five against Murray's claim that his right to a fair hearing

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had been infringed because the trial judge had drawn an "adverse inference" from Murray's silence during questioning and at the trial. The decision to award costs -

Rights Convention. to Murray, who played a Murray, who destroyed a dominant role in the incident, tape recording of Mr Lynch's confession when police sur-rounded a house where he had was criticised by Unionist MPs, who said it was "hereft of credibility". Murray, 44, from Crees-lough Park, West Belfast, was been interrogated, stayed silent through all his police interviews. The judges said that the right to silence was at the heart of fair procedure under the Human Rights Con-vention. The question of jailed in 1991 after being convicted of aiding and abetting the false imprisonment of Sandy Lynch, an RUC informer. Among others jailed with Murray for their part in whether those rights were breached by drawing "adverse incident was Danny Morri-son, the former Sinn Fein inferences" from an accused's silence depended on the cirpublicity director.

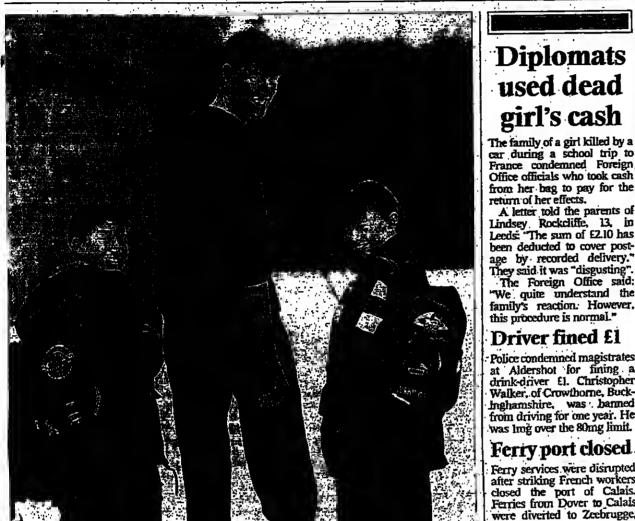
constances of each case. The court rejected Murray's "In the court's view, having regard to the weight of the evidence against the appliclaim for compensation and cut his original claim for cant, the drawing of inferences from his refusal at arrest, £36,000 costs by more than half after an appeal by lawyers representing the Govern-ment. The judges ruled by 12 at trial to provide an explana-

votes to seven that the absence of Murray's solicitor from 12 house was a matter of common sense and could not be interviews infringed his right to defence, which is safeguardregarded as unfair or unreaed by the European Human sonable in the circumstances." But the judgment said that,

because Murray chose to be silent, it was all the more important that he should have had access to a solicitor. "To deny access to a lawyer for the first 48 hours of police ques-tioning, in a situation where the rights of the defence may well be irretrievably prejudiced is - whatever the justification for such denial -incompatible with the rights of the accused," it said:

John Wadham, director of Liberty, said: "This decision will mean that suspects interrogated under the terrorist legislation will no longer be prevented from seeing their lawyers for the first two days of their detention."

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Diplomats used dead girl's cash

car during a school trip to France condemned Foreign, Office officials who took cash from her bag to pay for the return of her effects. A letter told the parents of

Lindsey Rockcliffe, 13, in Leeds: "The sum of £2.10 has been deducted to cover postage by recorded delivery." They said it was "disgusting". The Foreign Office said We quite understand the family's reaction. However, this procedure is normal."

Driver fined £1

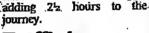
Police condemned magistrates at Aldershot for fining a drink-driver £1. Christopher Walker, of Crowthorne, Buckinghamshire, was . banned from driving for one year. He was Img over the 80mg limit.

Ferry port closed

Ferry services were disrupted after striking French workers closed the port of Calais. Ferries from Dover to Calais

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Traffic jam

Traffic wardens have been wrongly booking cars in Bideford, Devon, unaware that a two-hour limit was scrapped in 1986. Police are offering refunds to proven victims:

Cycle path prize

The 140-mile Sea to Sea cycle path across northern England has won the Global British Airways Tourism for Tomorrow Award. It is the first British entry to win the prize, set up six years ago.

Homes sell faster

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

A 7ft lin schoolboy who cats six Shredded Wheat for breakfast is aiming for a basketball career in America after being called up by Britain's national under-16

Neil Fingleton, 15, of Garsgate, Durham, is still growing but already he can touch a 10ft basketball rim from a standing position. He took up the game only 15

months ago with the adult Stockton Mohawks team tine, a cook, is oft, and father, Mike, a fitter, is oft lin. However to achieve his after a member spotted him dream he must add at least playing football. His height causes prob-lems buying clothes and sports shoes — he takes size 13. two stone to his 14st frame. A nutritionist has drawn up a 4,000 calories a day diet, including four pints of milk. - but he hopes it will be his Neil's food bill is £50 a week. passport to the NBA league in America. He said: "Obvi-Tony Hanson, the Mohawk coach and a former NBA ously height is a great advan-tage but you still have to have

good control." Neil comes from a tall US are interested." - his mother, Chris-

Neil Fingleton with two classmates, Stephen Robinson, left, and Bill Nixon

Basketball boy aims high

family

The average time taken to sell a house has fallen from 22 weeks to 21 in the past year, according to the Black Horse estate agents. The North West takes longest (30 weeks) and the South East shortest (13).

Woman rescued

A 75-year-old woman was rescued by a lifeboatman and his son after being thrown into the harbour in Broadstairs, player, said: "I'm sure the Kent, when her battery-operchools and colleges in the ated wheelchair went out of be control.

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Alcoholic lemonades renamed BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE makers of carbonated alcoholic drinks are to rename them in advance of publication of a voluntary code of practice intended to avoid confusion between alcoholic drinks and those intended for children.

Bass said yesterday that it woold abbreviate the name Hooper's Hooch Alcoholic Lemonade to Alcoholic Lemon Merrydown, producer of Two Dogs Alcoholic Lemonade, is to rename the drink Two Dogs Alcoholic Lemon Brew. The changes are to be matter as soon as present stocks are exhausted.

Whitbread has abandoned plans to launch alcoholic carbonates under the names of Lemonade Bomb and Cream Soda Blast. Instead the drinks, containing as much alcohol as strong lagers, will be called Lemon Jag and Vanilla Heist.

DRIVERS who run their engines while parked at the roadside will be fined under anti-pollution powers being given to local authorities. The Department of Transport announced yesterday that it was backing councils' calls for more weapons in the war against dirty vehicles. Steven Norris, the Transport Minister, said council staff woold also be given the right to fine drivers or ban vehicles if they failed roadside emissions lests. It is hoped

that increasing councils' powers will lead to greater success in the fight against grossly polluting lorries, taxis, cars and coaches. Local authorities had also asked to be allowed to stop

mercial vehicles with frozen or vehicles as well as test and penalise them, but were opchilled foods to keep their posed by groups such as the Automobile Association which argued that only police officers to be dealt with sensitively. "If Environment Act 1995.

on roadside polluters BY NICK NOTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

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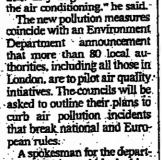
Councils to crack down

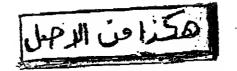
ministers.

it is a hot day and a coach has had the training for such a elderly passengers on board, then they might need to run task. The view was endorsed by the Home Office and has been accepted by transport Mr Norris said: These measures are part of our commitment to improving local air quality. This is an important move forward, allowing local authorities to take action where it is most necessary. There is no reason why a selfish minority of vehicle Dean Tules: owners should allow their vehicles to pollute our streets." He said it was hoped to bring in the new regulations later this year after trials in

A spokesman for the depart-ment said it would be looking. for long-term solutions, such as pedestrianisation schemes. Several will be selected and pilot areas. A spokesman for given funding to carry imthe department said the new provements forward to see powers would take into acwhether their action plans are count the need for some comworkable. In 1997, all local authorities

engines running. Tourist coaches would have - air pollution rules under the





OVERSEAS NEWS 10

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Visit helps to erase ugly memories of papal mission to war-torn region in 1983

Thousands flock to welcome Pope on Latin America tour

BY DAVID ADAMS IN CARACAS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Pope's Latin American tour, which ends in Venezuela at the weekend, is helping to erase ugly memories of his first visit to the region in 1983, when Central America was torn by civil wars.

Governments and revolutionaries were locked in power struggles farmed by the Cold War. In Nicaragua, the Sandinista Government tried to embarrass the Pope, shouting him down at an outdoor rally. In Guatemala, a military dictator sent six people to the firing squad just before the Pope's arrival.

This week, however, the pontiff has been met by large and friendly crowds in Guatemala, Nicaragua and El Salvador. The armed conflicts that raged in Central America have been extinguished in all but Guatemala

The region is now battling crime, poverty and social injustice, while the radicalism that the Pope encountered on his last visit has been overtaken by a wave of conservatism.

Celebrating Mass before 150,000 worshippers in Managua, the Pope expressed happiness at changes that have brought peace to Nicaragua, but alluded to the Sandinista Government's reign as a "long, dark night". The leftwing Sandinistas ruled from 1979 until losing elections to President Chamorro in 1990.

The Pope told worshippers that during his 1983 trip "I

"Pope John Paul II, we love could not really meet the you."

people. Since then, many things have changed". For their part, the Sandinisairport east of the capital. The tas apologised for their behavflags of El Salvador and the iour in 1983. The former President, Daniel Ortega, leader of the Sandinista Front, took out full-page advertisements in two newspapers and rented billboards to welcome the pontiff.

political parties.

and military presence throughout San Salvador, and crowds gathered along the Pope's six-mile route from the airport. The pontiff was greet-President Chamorro's term ed by President Calderon Sol, who knelt to kiss his hand as a ends after an October election this year and she is not allowed to run again. The opposition Sandinistas re-

Pope

military band played. Last April the Vatican named the conservative Fermain the largest and best organised of Nicaragua's 30 nando Sáenz Lacalle as Archbishop of San Salvador, His appointment marks a

people chanted as the landed at a military

Vatican flew from the cockpit.

There was a heavy police

Thanks to divine proviradical shift from his prededence, peace has returned to your country," the Pope told the crowds who attended the cessors who ministered during the country's decade-long civil war. The most notable of Mass. "The inhabitants of those was Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, whose name Nicaragua can now enjoy an authentic religious freedom." was associated with liberation As he departed, the Pope theology, the radical grasschallenged the Managua Govroots Catholic church moveernment and foreign donors to ment that was popular in the attack poverty, ignorance and 1980s.

joblessness in one of the continent's poorest nations. The archbishop was mur-dered by a right-wing death squad in 1980 after speaking President Chamorro, wearing a cross with her long white out against the country's povdress, escorted the pontiff erty and social injustice. hand-in-hand. A devout Cath-But Monsignor Saenz olic, she called the Pope's visit Lacalle shares the Pope's dislike for controversial libera-

a dream come true. It was El Salvador's turn to tion theology. calling it a "re-reading of the gospel with a welcome the Pope yesterday. Marxist leaning". He has said that such a Hours before dawn, tens of thousands of pilgrims began

streaming into a field in the religious philosophy has no place in El Salvador. capital for an open-air Mass.



Cardinal Arinze: kindles hope of Third World Pope



The Pope, making his second visit to Nicaragua, celebrates Mass in Managua with thousands of worshippers

Succession debate resumes in Rome

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME THE sight of the Pope obvi-

ously suffering in the heat of Central America in his heavy vestments has added to concern in Rome over his deteriorating health. It emerged yesterday that

the Pope undertook the trip his 69th since being enthroned - against the advice of Vatican doctors, who were anxious about the debilitating effect of such a gruelling journey on the increasingly frail pontiff. At Christmas the

Pope suffered an attack of nausea during his seasonal message and faltered to a stop. At 75 the Pope is no longer the athletic figure who took over with such vigour 17 years ago, joking that he was not only the first Polish Pope but also the

first one who could ski. He now looks exhausted and moves slowly and stiffly, in part due to illness and in part to the continuing effects of the 1981 assassination attempt. In the Pope's absence, speculation has again risen over the papal succession, with attention focusing on the 68-year-

old Archbishop of Milan, Car-dinal Carlo Maria Martini, Hopes for a Third World Pope, rest on Cardinal Francis Arinze of Nigeria, 63. Vatican sources point out

that fears for the Pope's health when he toured Asia and Australia last year proved to be unfounded. The Pope in-tends to visit Slovenia in May, when he will turn 76. He also plans to visit Berlin, Budapest and Paris this year; and has said that he hopes to climb Mount Sinai together with Jewish and Muslim leaders to greet the millennium.

Briton is seized in Colombia

Bogotá: Left-wing rebels are believed to be holding a Briton. a Dane and a German, seized on a highway northwest of Colombia's capital.

Police last night named the Briton as Philip Halten. They blamed the National Liberal tion Army guerrillas for ab-ducting the men at a makeshift roadblock across a remote stretch of the road that links Bogota with the north-west city of Medellin. The guerrilla group, founded by radical Roman Catholic priests in 1966, specialises in kidnapping (Reuter)

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Birthrate up in France

Paris: Metropolitan France's population reached 58.3 miltion at the end of 1995; a year in which there was a 25 per ceot increase in the birthrate after a three-year decline. In all, 529,000 people died and 729,000 were born, according to the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies. The average fertility rate was 1.7 children per woman of child-bearing age, slightly higher than the 1.65 of the two previous years.

Broadcaster

shot in throat

Phnom Penh: Ek Moogkol, 40, a popular announcer on Cambodia's FM Radio 90, was shot in the throat after he left the station. The attack is believed to be politically motivated. The station belongs to Prince Ranariddh, the First Prime Minister. Human rights groups have accused the Government of trying to intimidate the press. (AP)

East Timorese

seek asylum

Jakarta: Nine-East Timorese.

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER communes would have gone into IN JERUSALEM liquidation. The vast sum involved TWO Israeli Cablnet Ministers

yesterday demanded an inquiry into allegations that in recent years banks overcharged many of the country's 270 kibbutzim for loans,

forced the central bank to deny a report in Yedioth Ahronot which claimed that "correcting the mistakes will put the banks' stability in danger". Share prices of banks were hit for the second day.

examined; it said any possible bank error would be smaller than the debt-forgiveness package.

Labour Government, angrily de-nied the allegations. The United kibbutz was giving way to privati-sation and attempts to increase Kibbutz Movement, one of the two Individual freedoms. Many members were also deserting the kibbutz main kibbutz groupings, rejected calls to have its debt mountain refor life on the outside.

Bank Leumi alleges that the issue is being manipulated by the cashstrapped kibbutzim to squeeze

package, said it was "a desperate attempt to preserve a socialist way of life in a world where socialism has become, at best, a bad joke." The paper argued that "the State of Israel has no security, economic or social interest in ensuring the artificial existence of those kibbut-

first set op on the banks of the River Jordan in 1906, were having to give way to capitalist realities. Then Em Zivan, a financially strapped kib including two women, asked butz on the Golan Heights, closed if for political protection from its communal dining hall and paid in Australia hours after entering Zivan, a finantially strapped kib-butz oo the Golan Heights, chosed wages according to the value of its Jakarta embassy, apparent-work performed. This informated in by seeking asylum. An embas-







concept BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT FINANCIAL EDITOR

HOPES that British Telecom might provide a broad-band communications network receded forther yesterday. Sir Peter Bonfield, BT's new chief executive, conceded that he did not personally think there would be a single uational information superhighway. "The idea of a single

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fibre-optic network to ev-ery household is wrong" he said. Instead, he envisaged a growing patchwork of links between different systems that would evolve at different paces in different places, using mixed technology, possibly ineluding radio and satellite The Labour Party has watered down a deal to

allow BT earlier access to the cutertainment market to justify investment in a superhighway and con-nect schools, hospitals and libraries free. Sir Peter said BT would still accelerate access to a fibre-optic network for schools and

possibly hospitals. In the third quarter to December 31: BT's pre-tax: profits rose 26 per cent to E829 million Nine month profits were up 13 per centto £2.44 billion on turnover up 3.4 per cent to £10.7 The gain' stemmed al-

most entirely from the, timing of redundaricy

merge in £2.9bn deal BY ERIC REGULY



BY SARAH BAGNALL

EVERY one of the 32,000 Lloyd's of London names is expected to have their debt to the insurance market capped at £100.000, according to

Lloyd's sources. The upper limit on a name's liability is struck, however, after deducting any payment or debt write-off the name will receive under Lloyd's ambi-tious £2.8 billion reconstruction and renewal plan. The limit is calculated after any necessary draw down on a name's funds at Lloyd's. which for many is in the form of bank quarantees against

Lloyd's is holding back E100 million of the E2.8 billion to help names who cannot afford to pay their final liability bill and is working on a phased payment scheme.

The R&R plan, aimed at resolving the mass of legal actions taken by thousands of names and at providing them with an affordable exit from the insurance market, is in its final stages. The exit route is via Equitas, a reinsurance company being set up to take over names' liabilities in re-

turn for a payment. Of the package, £2 billion will be used to write off names' debts - in cases when they

debts --- in cases when they cannot afford to pay them ---while the remaining £800 million is to compensate names for their losses. On Wednesday the Ridley Committee, chaired by Sir Adam Ridley, reported to the Lloyd's ruling council its methodology for dividing the E2 billion of debt write-offs E2 billion of debt write-offs

Lloyd's plans to send the

committee's conclusions to names next week. This will be

followed next month by state-

ments from Lloyd's "indicat-

ing" each names' share of the

£2.8 billion as well as their

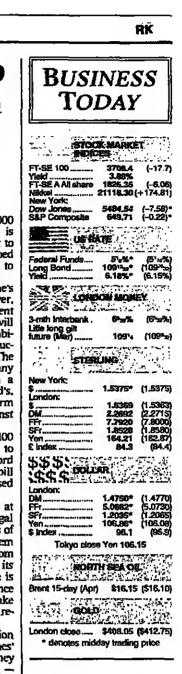
Calls for an investigation to

be launched into Lloyd's were

made yesterday in the House

of Lords, Lord Marlesford

Equitas bill.



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AND RADIO

Second look at funding of investor scheme

million in the quarter against £217 million a year 4 earlier The bill for 8,000 job osses should still be about

£400 million for the year to March 31, suggesting a final quarter charge above £200 million. Sir Iain Vallance, the chairman, said there had been an encouraging up-

unies in the quarter. The customer base shrank by 37,000 in the quarter as cable companies took a net 100.000.

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652p. MAI was up 69p to 448p. · United shareholders will. own 50.7 per cent of the new group while MAI shareholders will own 493 per cent. It seems that MAF, however, will have overall management control. Lord Hollick is to become chief executive of the group, which has not yet been : named. Sir James McKinnon, the chairman of MAI and former head of Ofgas, the gas regulator, is to become deputy

Unlikely bedfellows .

The companies are to come

Pennington ...

Stock market

Global race.

chairman. Lord Stevens will be chairman: a position he described as non-executive but . full-time.

Both companies said they did not expect a competing bid

Lord Hollick and Lord Stevens yesterday. Both said they did not expect a rival bid to thwart their proposed merger of the total audience. Similarto spoil the deal. There were

rimours that Carlton Com-munications, the largest IIV. company, would bid for United. Carlton would not comment and its shares fell 32p, to . ITV companies. ... 022p, on the speculation.

The merger was designed to take advantage of the Government's plans to reduce crossmedia ownership restrictions. The Broadcasting. Bill will allow ITV companies to hold as many ITY licences as they want as long as they do not capture more than 15 per cent

can see what we are doing. The Premier deal has created

a lot of interest in the media."

He added that Standard

Life did not want to sell its

stake in Famell although a

sale remained the ultimate

But Standard Life's views

appeared not to be shared by

other big shareholders such as

Mercury Asset Management,

who announced yesterday that it had increased its stake in the

company from 12.1 per cent to

Another large shareholder,

Scattish Widows, which holds

5.3 per cent; said it was

Farnell's share price slipped

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backing the deal.

back 3p to 642p.

ly, newspaper companies with less than 20 per cent of the total national newspaper circulation will be able to buy The merged company will

have two main businesses. The consumer side will inchude MAI's Meridian, Anglia and Channel 5 interests plus United snational and regional TIST. newspapers. It will also have United's advertising publications, including Exchange 8 Mart and Dalton's Weekly.

The business side will in- half year to December 31 chude MAI's money and securities broking companies with the exception of Wagon Finance, a car finance company which is being sold with a price tag of about £100 million. It will also include United's PR Newswire, which provides electronic financial information, NOP, and Miller Free-United's magazine publishing and trade confer-

ence organiser. MAI announced a pre-tax profit of £62.7 million for the

against £58.6 million in the previous period. United reported a pre-tax profit of E138 million for the full year to December 31, against E138.2 million previously. After restructuring costs and exceptional items, the 1995 profit was £104.4 million.

United is proposing to pay a second interim dividend of said he was a victim of the losses incurred at Lloyd's and 15.25p, making 23p, un-changed, for the year. MAI is questioned whether it had been "wholly frank" with the to pay a doubled interim dividend of 4p. DTI about assets it had to cover insolvencies.

and £800 million between the different classes of names.

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

THE Personal Investment Authority is reviewing the funding of the Investors Compensation Scheme for the second time in six months.

It has already drawn up plans to change substantially the funding of the ICS, which has been dogged by controversy over the past few years. This latest consultation paper is a further attempt to try to ensure the long-term viability of the scheme.

The ICS was set up by the Government to protect investing members of the public against the failure or fraud of a particular investment company Most firms declared in default of the ICS have been independent financial advisers. The structure of the scheme meant that the remaining IFAs and the companies that transacted most of their business through IFAs had to pay the compensation bill. The result was that good firms ended up paying for the actions of the bad.

The ICS reached a crisis last year when Sun Life secured a udicial review of this funding arrangement. The uncertainty forced the Treasury to offer a £17 million lifeline.

After this, the ICS proposed the introduction of a prefunding arrangement, under which all PIA members would pay an annual subscription totalling £15m to cushion against losses

The paper issued yesterday outs forward a suggestion under which all PIA members would contribute to the scheme according size. This proposal is likely to anger the banks and building societies, which maintain they have their own compensation arrangements.

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Standard Life stance hurts Amstrad confident despite losses Farnell's £1.8bn bid plan

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

Mr Poulson said: "We are

But Mr Poulson remained

confident that the deal would

still be approved, stating that he believed the overwhelming

majority of shareholders still supported the deal.

go public, ahead of the ex-

traordinary general meeting

that we make our position

clear so other shareholders

He said: "We feel it is right

next week

Guy Jubb, corporate governance manager at Standard-Life, defended the decision to

FARNELL, the electronics disdebt. But the company's untribution company, yesterday suffered a setback in its £1.8 usual decision to publicise its position angered Howard Poulson, chairman of Famell. billion bid to buy Premier Andustrial, the US-based comvery disappointed that Stanpany, when Standard Life, one of its main institutional sharedard Life has rather jumped the gun. We only had a short meeting with Standard Life in holders, revealed it would not support the proposals. The Premier purchase has which to put our case."

aroused controversy since it was announced last month because it would result in Famell more than doubling its size and lead to a big increase in the company's debt pile. Graham Wood, head of UK couties at Standard Life, justified the decision on the gounds that the fund management group believes the premium is too high, that the deal would dilute carnings and that Famell will be encumbered with £430 million worth of



Alan Sugar, chairman, remains chirpy

AMSTRAD, the electronics group

that announced 150 redundancies earlier this week, has disclosed firsthalf losses of £5.4 million.But the interim dividend is increased to 1.25p a share from lp.

As a result, Alan Sugar, chairman and largest single shareholder, can expect to take home about £510,000 in dividend payments. He is also paid an annual salary of £195,000.

The company said the increase in dividend was meant as a signal to investors that Amstrad is turning the corner. Mr Sugar said he expects Dancall, Amstrad's mobile phone manufacturing subsidiary, to make a healthy profit in the second half.

Earlier this week, Amstrad said it would restructure, cut its workforce mainly in Amstrad Consumer Electronics (ACE) - by 150 and close one of its factories, costing it £4 million. The company made a £25,000 profit

in the corresponding period last year, and Tony Dean, finance director, said: "It is obviously disappointing to be in the red this half. We don't expect to make any further provisions for

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM restructuring, and we hope to see some strength now." Viglen International, which sells computers in the professional market, was profitable in the six months to December 31, while Dancall, bought

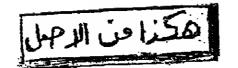
by Amstrad in 1993, had made a respectable profit" in December as it overcame a delay of four months in meeting production levels. Mr Sugar said that the full-year results should, therefore, be encouraging. Analysts cut their full-year profit

forecasts from between £15 million and £20 million to nearer £10 million. However, the rosier picture for the second half and next year pushed the share price higher, rising 18p to 201p. The results weren't very good, but there is plenty of room for them to grow again," said Andrew Bryant, analyst with NatWest Securities. ACE should be back in profit in 1997, the Viglen market is growing and there is confidence that Dancall could

become a real competitor to the likes of Nokia and Ericsson."

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Mersey Docks shares

Business start-ups increase

The number of businesses in the UK reached 3.7 million in 1995, the highest level for more than four years. According to Barclays Bank. the total business stock increased 1.6 per cent over 1994.

The bank's figures show that 448,000 sole occupation businesses started up in 1995, compared with 430,000 in 1994. an increase of four per cent. Mainstream business closures rose two per cent year-on-year to 440,000. The main growth was in individuals setting up in self-employment on top of full-time occupation.

TI venture

TI GROUP, through its

Bundy Asia Pacific joint venture, is to invest \$3

million in a new factory in China to supply compo-

nents in a new car plant set

up by Citroën, the French

company, in Wuhan. Hubei province, where it is

to produce its ZX model.

French cut

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SOME of the UK's most senior business leaders have launched a scathing attack on European monetary union, arguing it would bring higher interest rates and unemployment and harm business

competitiveness. The criticism came from Sir Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, Sir John Hoskyns, chairman of Burton, Sir Alick Rankin, chairman of Scottish & Newcastle, Sir Michael Edwardes, chairman of Charter, Sir Emmanuel Kave,

Latest salvoes fired in the battle over single currency **Business leaders lambaste EMU**

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

chairman of Kaye Enterprises. Stanislas Yassukovich, chairman of the City Research project, and Tim Melville-Ross, director-general of the Institute of Directors. Their stance against eco-

nomic and monetary union (EMU) was in stark contrast to the sentiments expressed by Dr Ronaldo Schmitz, chairman of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, yesterday. He said that stopping the introduction of EMU would have disastrous implications for the single market and for Europe's position in the world. The

business leaders were writing in Business Agenda, a publication by the centre-right European Research Group.

Sir Stanley said business must now gird its loins and fight with eerie weapon ... against those who seek to sell out the UK to a federal Europe*. Sir John questioned whether the single currency was conceivable without European unification, while Sir Alick said that to join EMU "we must meet tough convergence criteria, pay up a huge entrance fee and put on a monetary corset". There is

growing consensus among British bankers that the deadline for the introduction of a single currency in 1998 should be delayed until economic

criteria are in place. On Monday Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, said proceeding too quickly towards a single currency could cause serious political tensions. But at the German-British Chamber of Commerce yesterday, Dr Schmitz said: "Stopping the EMU train would spell disaster. It would mean running the risk of the hard core

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of the European Monetary System breaking apart." This. he said, would mean that "continental Europe would fall back into recurring competitive devaluations, with negative repercussions for the development of the single

market as a whole" Dr Schmitz said: "I would like to see the UK exert a much greater influence over the design of the EU economic framework". If sterling did not rejoin the exchange-rate mechanism by spring this year, it would not be eligible for EMU in 1998, he added.

fall as offer rejected LIVERPOOL dockworkers have rejected an offer from Mersey Docks & Harbour Company worth £8 million to settle an unofficial dispute that closed part of the port for six

settle an unofficial dispute that closed part of the port for six weeks last year. The dockers, dismissed last September for refusing to cross a picket line, rejected the offer of £20,000 to £25,000 per employee by 271 votes to 50. A spokesman for the Transport & General Workers Union said a meeting would be held today to discuss further action. Mersey Docks shares fell 34p to 403p over fears that strikers would seek support from dockers abroad. The dispute cost the company £4 million. Mersey Docks said yesterday that pressure had been put on the dockers to reject the offer. However, the company left open the possibility that employees could still claim their share of the settlement. The strikers were demanding employment for 80 other dockers who were dismissed by a stevedoring company, unconnected with Mersey Docks, which has since gone out of business.

Hanson fall continues

SHARES in Hanson, the Anglo-American diversified industrial conglomerate, fell by 5p to 185p yesterday. At the end of the day 16.32 million shares had been traded. Hanson shares have fallen from 210p since the proposed demerger of the company into four separate units was announced last week, reducing its stock market capitalisation by about £1.29 billion to £9.6 billion. Yesterday Standard & Poor's, the credit rating agency; said that the rating of the demerged Hanson businesses was likely to suffer.

US phone merger off

THE planned \$25 billion merger between Bell Atlantic and Nynex, two of America's largest telephone companies, has been put off in favour of a more modest joint venture. The new plan is to set up a joint venture in the long distance telephone market, which would not bring the companies the same massive cost savings as a merger. The Bell Atlantic/ Nynex talks have been prompted by the Telecommunication Bill, signed by President Clinton yesterday, which deregulates the market. It would have been the largest merger in US corporate history, but is proving to be too complex to complete.

Zeneca to buy drug

ZENECA has agreed to acquire Glaxo Wellcome's new migraine treatment. Final terms of the deal are still being negotiated. The drug 311C90 is in Phase III trials, the final dinical test stage before a drug can be filed for registration. The global migraine market is expected to be worth £1.5 billion by the year 2000. Glaxo is divesting the product as part of the conditions laid down by the US Federal Trade Commission when the company took over Wellcome last year. Glaxo said the sale process would not interrupt the drug's clinical trial development.

Westminster HC ahead

WESTMINSTER HEALTH CARE, the nursing home and medical services group, said occupancy rates continued to be under pressure. There were regional variations in performance and the company's development programme is likely to be blased towards the South East. In the half year to November 30, the company lifted pre-tax profits to £8 million from £6.3 million. Earnings were 11.1p a share, rising from 9.9p. The interim dividend is increased to 2.35p a share from

CBI calls on **Blair to spell** out policies

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

The Bank of France yesterday cut its key intervention rate, which sets the floor for money market interest economic policies, rates. to 3.90 per cent from Although Adair Turner, Di-

4.05 per cent. The five-torector-General of the Confederten day lending rate was unchanged at 5.60 per ation of British Industry, welcomed the shifts in Labour policy towards a more pro-business approach under Tony Blair, the CBI challenged Labour to provide specific details

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there are key areas where business disagrees with Labour policy." Business was concerned about four specific areas: our's "overall" commitment to low inflation, he said: "Busifor business on a range of ness confidence would ineconomic policies. crease If Labour committed

Government ministers were itself to a specific inflation angered when Mr Turner retarget." Tax: Labour should set specific targets for the top rate of tax and National Insurance, cently advocated a rise in real wages as part of economic growth, and some are sceptical about the CBI's declared policy and clearly stated spending under Mr Turner of political priorities Social chapter: Emphasisneutrality in the run-up to a general election, arguing opening the support of business for ly that business ought to supthe Government's opt-out port the Conservatives. from the EU social chapter, he said that business "does not want to see it ended. We are

But they will be more satis-fied by Mr Turner's clear attempt last night in a speech at very concerned about the Laba CBI dinner in Manchester to our party's commitment to do put pressure on Labour to flesh 50

out the bones of its policies on so if Labour supported extendthe economy and business. ing qualified majority voting Mr Turner praised the UK's in the EU in this area. stable macroeconomy, low in-Stakeholding: Having flation and flexible labour marlaunched the word into the kets as a "sound basis for political domain. Mr Blair



David Southworth, managing director, with John Atkin, finance director, of P&P Group, where profits rose 57 per cent to £12.6 million in the year to November 30. There is a final dividend is 2p, payable on May 11, making a total of 3.15p (2.6p)

Retail sales continue to rise

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

RETAIL sales are still rising." according to figures today from British industry on sales vol-umes in the high street.

The Confederation of British Industry's monthly distributive trades survey shows contin-ung strong sales growth in January after early sales activi-ty the previous month. - and would be even more

The CBI's survey, covering 15,000 outlets in retailing, wholesaling and the motor .

months; after a year of uneven volume growth. In January, the balance of

retailers reporting an increase in sales volumes — those regis-tering a rise against those recording a fall—stayed at 31 per cent-Annual sales this month /are expected to continue to rise, at a slightly higher rate. Trade in the high street in

January was above average for the time of year for the second month running, and

quate, retailers expect a slightrundown in levels this month. Grocers, chemists, and footwear retailers saw the highest rises in sales volumes compared with a year ago, while confectionery, tobacto and newspaper outlets saw their first fall since Febrihary 1994.

Alastair Eperon, chairman of the CBFs distributive trades panel, says: "Underlying volumes, as measured by the three-monthly annual trend. PACE

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n growth", and in must now clarify it and say a specific reference to Labour what specific policy issues and the election said: "It is would result from it.

trades, shows that retail sales have now risen on an annual for four successive basis

while stocks were still considered to be more than ade-

2.1p. In August the company raised £33.7 million through a have been on an upward path rights issue. since last September."

HAVE YOU **HEARD TOO MUCH ABOUT MONEY AND SPORT?**

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2.3 billion Australian dollars will be spent on the Sydney 2000 Olympics even before the flame is lit at the opening ceremony. As a result Australia's GDP is expected to rise by A\$7.3 billion. To make sure British companies get the most out of this trading explosion, the Sydney Olympics UK Business Task Force is organising a unique seminar in London on Thursday, February 15th. Admission is £150.

Speakers will include the key decision makers responsible for all Sydney Olympic contracts: the New South Wales Minister for the Olympics and the Director General of the Olympic Co-ordination Authority. Business opportunities are likely to arise in the

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THE first building society to announce a mutuality benefits

package for members was the

Abbey National. This awful memory does not

seem to haunt those societies

who have announced similar loyalty schemes since designed to

prove their commitment to

mutuality. The latest is the Britannia, which has been work-

ing on the project since last summer. In the interim the Yorkshire and the Bradford &

Bingley have produced schemes

to give value to members in the

shape of lower mortgage rates and competitive savings deals. Both were against paying divi-

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□ Their Lordships announce a marriage □ Sparks fly at Farnell □ The perils of remaining mutual

ler ev Docksch "THE benefits of synergy". like "one careful owner" or "would suit DIY fanatic", is one of those phrases that should ring alarm bells for potential buyers. The Concise Oxford Dictionary defines synergy as "the combined effect of drugs, organs, etc, that exceeds the sum of their individual effects". Corporate financiers define synergy as the easiest way they know to separate over-ambitious manage-

ments from massive fees. Lords Stevens and Hollick define synergy, as far as one can tell from yesterday's merger of their respective companies, in two ways. There is the ability to advertise TV stations in newspapers that are within the same holding company, and the corres-ponding ability to advertise papers on those same TV stations. makes sense - why else is the Government so concerned with the rules that allow this?

Then there is the wrapping up of all the boring but profitable business services within both groups, which tend to miss out on the media attention to the rather sexier TV stations and newspapers, into one operation which can then sell to the same. client list. One option is to crosssell exhibitions, newsletters, market research and specialised business magazines while merg-Sohune mergens ing their individual managements into the same team.

MAI presents a United front On top of these, there are rather less well-defined pros-Express titles could not be sold.

Note the departure of Graham pects for expansion as a larger group into electronic publishing Wilson, seen as Lord Stevens's right-hand man in the City. Should Stevens and Hollick even and other more rarified areas. The first thought is that MAI and United are swimming come to blows over policy, the betting must be that the latter against the prevailing tide in will prevail. creating a cross-media, whisper

MAI will not stop here, and the purchase of yet another ITV time when Hanson and British Gas, albeit for different reasons, are busy unbundling. But media is probably the only area where franchise-holder, perhaps York-shire Tyne-Tees, looks the next step. In this they will be taking part in this year's expected carve-up of the ITV map - in competition with Carlton, the chosen buyer of the Express titles until Michael Green lost pa-tience with Lord Stevens.

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Some questions for Standard Life

WHAT on earth is going on at to expand into who knows where. United gets proven management, Farnell, a solid and respectable distributor of all sorts of useful Hollick and his team and a electronic bits and bobs that semblance of a coherent strategy would not normally trouble the scorer in the great corporate governance handicap? that has never been available for view since it became apparent the



Two weeks ago Farnell an-nounced a £1.8 billion purchase of an equally uncharismatic but much bigger US business. Part of the deal, ambitious but put together by a team whose record suggested they were ready for such a challenge, was a £350 million rights issue.

Before such an issue can be launched, it is pre-marketed, This involves a traipse around the biggest institutional holders, and Farnell has at least seven with two per cent or more including Standard Life, to see if they will back the move and underwrite the issue. Just what took place between

Farnell and the institutions is do with your wish, frustrated when you were made an insider ahead of the deal, to take profits rightly shrouded in secrecy, but there were precious few squawks on some of your stake in Farnell? from any as the underwriting fees were being counted. The Britannia walks

deal caused some concern among some large shareholders at the size of the step planned, and the management set out to allay this with, to date, some 60 presentations. But Standard Life was apparently not one of those

who expressed such concern. Now the Scottish institution has taken the unprecedented step of saying it will oppose the deal at next week's extraordinary meeting, even if other institu tions with much bigger stakes

look like supporting it. Four questions should be put to Standard Life. Is this, and the weekend assault against Michael Green's salary, just a highprofile public relations exercise, hitched to the fashionable cor-Did you initially agree to support the rights? If so, why the subsequent change of heart? And has all of this anything to

dends, as such payouts depend on future profits. They argued that, if margins were squeezed, the distribution to members would be put in jeopardy. The Britannia, however,

seems set to follow the dividend route, believing that this is the way to persuade its members to buy even more of its products. But there is no guarantee that they will remain true. Aspiring borrowers may still spurn the Britannia if it cannot match the rates available elsewhere.

The Britannia believes that it is acting to safeguard its independence by depleting its reserves. A miscalculation about how much it will pay and in what form could still be fatal. National & Provincial. Within months, the society fell victim to the predatory attentions of the

The real alternative

DISTURBING signs that arch-dry Peter Lilley is in danger of going native at the Depart-ment of Social Security. Defending job cuts at the DSS, he told the Today programme that "the alternative obviously is to take the money away from benefits". A telling slip, Mr Lilley. Individual benefits are fixed, although the total bill may be rising. So you are required to make cuts because the alternative is taking more money off the taxpayer.

Struggling Apple admits Q2 loss will exceed \$69m

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the creation of a conglomerate

As part of this marriage, MAI

gets its hands on the cash flow

from rather more mature media businesses within United such as

exhibitions, regional papers, periodicals and so on, with which

in the form of Lord, sorry Clive,

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

APPLE Computer, the straggling American personal computer group, expects to incur a bigger loss in the second. quarter of its financial year than the \$69 million loss it reported for the first quarter. Gilbert. Amelio, the new chief executive, also said that the company had pulled out of talks with all potential

bidders. The forecast loss is part of a new publicity offensive by the company to clear the decks after a senior management shake-up last week.

Apple is attempting to persuade customers and the stock market that it is still in control of its own destiny after several months of disastrous trading figures, intense takeover spec-

to reward

members

with cash

BY KAREN ZAGOR

THE Britannia Building

Society plans to reward

members with annual

cash handouts, adding a new twist to the ways in-

which societies are re-

warding loyal members

(Pennington, this page). Until now, societies have opted to increase savings

and cut mortgage rates in an attempt to show mem-bers that mutuality is as

beneficial in the long run

within the company. He said Apple was in bid talks with that in spite of the bad any other company appeared financial results, the foundato scotch rumours of an immitions of Apple's business were nent takeover by Sun Microsystems with whom Apsound and that steps the company was taking to turn. ple has been negotiating itself round in the next few months would boost profitrecently. Mr Amelio said that the ability. The company is schedpersistent takeover rumours had damaged Apple's perforuled to report its second-.

mance and its share price, quarter results in April. Mr Amelio's denial that which is now about \$28, down from \$50 a few months ago.

The company has been tak-ing out full-page advertise-ments in leading newspapers over the past few days, point-ing out its strengths and promising that it can survive inderwordentity

independently. However, analysts believe Mr Amelio has an uphill struggle to salvage Apple's

Stakis casino for Ladbroke LADBROKE, the hotels and betting company, is expanding its casino operations with the £27.5 million purchase of the Barracuda Casino from Stakis, the leisure group

(Alasdair Murray writes). Ladbroke was one of the leading casino operators in the UK until it lost its licence in 1979 for contravening gaming regulations, an action that resulted in a halving of group profits that year. But since 1994, the company

has made a comeback, buying three central London casinos, although it is concentrating on expansion overseas. Stakis has decided to sell the casino to concentrate on its chain of midmarket provincial casinos. The Barracuda, in Baker Street, is one of central London's largest casinos, with 16 gaming tables. It attracts gamblers who spend £400-£500 a night. In the year to October I, 1995, it made £2.7 million on turnover of £45 million.

Stop claims clock, says SIB THE Securities and investments Board (SIB) yesterday urged insurers to follow the lead of the Prudential and not to dismiss claims of pension misselling because they are late (Sara McConnell writes). The industry's review of cases to uncover and compensale victims has fallen badly behind schedule and SIB was replying to a letter from Bill Day, national pensions officer of the GMB union. expressing concern that many claim-

ants could be barred because of the time factor. Mr Day warned they may be forced to resort to the courts.

SIB told Mr Day: "SIB has no legal power to impose this course [relaxing time limitations]. However, the company which SIB regulates directly, the Prudencial, has indicated that it will take this approach and we believe it would be in the best interests of all concerned if others were to give a similar indication".



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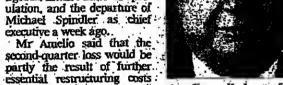


as merging or converting to publicly held banks. The Britannia's move expected to be announced officially tomorrow, comes closest to the cash and/or shares rewards offered to members of societies that are merging or converting. The size of the cash incentive will be pegged to the amount a member borrows or saves. The Britannia hopes this will encourage members to use an ever-widening range of products.

The mortgage rate cuts offered by the Yorkshire and Northern Rock societ-ies may appeal to borrowers keen on lower monthly payments, but they are unlikely to convince members to put more money into other products. Bradford & Bingley. which is reducing its variable lending rate by 0.25 percentage points at the same time as increasing savings rates by an aver-age of 0.25 of a point, is more likely to convince customers to both save and borrow with the society. The Britannia's cash pay ments are likely to be popular with savers and borrowers, but the commitment to pay cash every year

could become a straitjacket

in the future.



that it can recover from a string of strategic blunders as well as protect its share of the personal computer market, which has shrunk recently from more than 10 per cent to Amelio: pulled out of talks about 8 per cent."

News Int notches Britannia up £168m profit

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

NEWS INTERNATIONAL, continued to show growth in owner of The Times, reported first-half profits of £168.9 million yesterday, m spite of a £42.1 million charge against the closure of Today. In the same period of the pre-vious year, the company made a profit of £561.9 million, but that the closure of Today.

included a one-off E400.4 million gain on the sale of 20 per cent of its shares in BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster.

The company made an oper ating profit in the first half, ending December 31 last year. of £76.2 million, an increase of 36 per cent. Its newspapers, which include The Sunday Times, The Sun and News of the World, have continued to strengthen their market position through increased circu-

lation and growth in advertising revenue, it said. BSkyB, in which News International holds 40 per cent, has

profitability and in the number of subscribers, which rose from 4.16 million to 5.18 million in the period. News International is a subsidiary of The News Corporation, which on Wednesday reported operating profits of \$492 miltion for the same period.

Leslie Hinton, News Inter-national chief executive, said: We are delighted with these excellent results, achieved in a brutally competitive market. We are especially pleased that we have been able to maintain, and in some cases increase, the circulation of our titles despite the necessity to raise cover prices in response to significantly higher newsprint costs."

The company will pay an interim dividend to special dividend shareholders of 1.68p per share

Bass hurt by loss in gaming division

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

Holiday Inn Worldwide, the SHARES in Bass, the brewing and leisure company, fell 7p to hotels division, saw profits 736p yesterday after it revealed that profits in its gaming division had fallen 30 per cent because of had weather and the impact of the National

Lottery. Sir lan Prosser. chairman, said that earnings in the first 16 weeks of the financial year had grown in line with expectations apart from in the Bass leisure division. Admissions at the Gala

per cent because of the re-

duced winter racing season.

bingo clubs fell 6 per cent, although the average spend rose 2.5 per cent. Turnover from Coral bookmakers, was up 6 per cent but average turnover per shop was down 8

rise Revenue per room rose per cent in the US and 10 per cent in Europe. Bass Taverns, the company's pub division, operated an increased number of outlets for the first time in four years.

Drink takings rose 7 per cent. while food revenues were up 50 per cent and machine revenues increased 2 per cent. Bass's brewing division increased beer volumes 1 per cent, while off-licence trade

rose 10 per cent. Sir Ian said: "I remain confident that the group will make good progress through the rest of this financial year."

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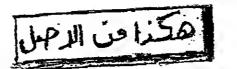
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Speculators go on bid alert after MAI deal

ALL eyes focused on the media sector, as the City braced itself for a spate of takeovers and mergers after news of the proposed £2.9 billion merger of United News & Media and MAI.

Speculators did not have long to wait to find out the reason behind Wednesday's flurry of activity in shares of United News, publisher of the Daily Express. Sunday Express and Daily Star. But details of the merger with MAL owner of Anglia Television and the controlling shareholder in Meridian, the independent television broadcaster holding the franchise for the South of England. surprised the market.

It had been assumed in the Square Mile that United was preparing to dispose of its stable of national newspapers. MAI shareholders will get 64 United shares for every 100 MAI held.

Brokers described it a defensive move by MAI, which had itself been seen as a possible takeover target. The speculators refuse to rule out the possibility of a bid for MAI from other quarters. MAI finished 69p higher at 448p with almost 31 million shares changing hands. United News was 28p up at 652p on turnover of 15 million shares.

But last night Carlton Communications, which holds the London weekday independent television franchise, was being ruled out as possible bidder for MAI. Carlton finished 32p lower at £10.22. Nevertheless, the speculation excited the market which had been pinning its hopes on a spate of takeovers and stakebuilding 3,708.4 exercises after the Government's relaxation of crossmedia ownership rules.

Those companies seen as potential takeover targets in-311C90 clude Pearson. up 5p at 690p. whose name was being linked with Viacom, the US media group. There were also gains for The Telegraph. up Sp at 463p. and Mirror Group. op

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Coral's profits have been hit by the National Lottery

£168.9 million before tax. Last taking issued by the European year's comparable figure of E501.9 million included a E401 Commission to dispose of the drug when it bought Wellcome last year. Glaxo when it bought million profit arising from the sale of part of its stake in Wellcome responded with a BSkyB: This year's figure was rise of 2p to 933p, while Zeneca hardened 14p to struck before costs of E42.1 million relating to the closure £12.56. of Today newspaper. Better than expected third-

The market is certain to test quarter figures cheered BT the 3,700 level today after and were reflected in the share extending recent losses. price which rose 24 p to 359p.

Monument Oil & Gas edged ahead &p to 60 p, supported by a buy recommendation from NatWest Securities. It says the weak gas market has overshadowed the value of Monument's Liverpool Bay gas contracts. NatWest has faith in Monument's management, and says the company is focusing again on future growth.

The market had been looking Shrugging off another recordbreaking run overnight on for pre-tax profits of between Wall Street, the FT-SE 100 £750 million and £790 million, index finished 17.7 down at so the final outcome of £829 million exceeded even the Zeneca is moving in on the most optimistic of forecasts. The market was also pleased fast-growing migraine market with the purchase of Glaxo with the group's pledge to settle the dispute with Oftel, Wellcome's new treatment the regulatory authority, by The drug is currently under-August without It being regoing clinical trials. Glaxo ferred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. agreed to abide by an under-



Brussels The news that Amstrad had plunged into the red during Paris: the first six months was coun-CAC-40 tered by a brighter outlook for the second half and an in-Zurich: SKA Gen crease in the dividend. Alan Sugar, chairman, said he does London: not expect to take any further FT 30 _____ FT 100 _____ FT-SE MLIA 250 exceptional charges.

He expects the amalgamation of Amstrad Direct and Viglen to save £3 million a year. The shares perked up with a rise of 17p to 200p as more than 7 million were mded

Hard on the heels of this week's profits warning from Allied Domeeq, down 4p at 507p. comes news from rival Bass that it being hit by the National Lottery. Sir Ian Prosser, chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting that although most of the businesses had been doing well, betting and bingo had suffered in the first three months.

Dmalek The leisure retailing divi-MediaKey (60) sion had seen turnover plunge Nthn Petim Wts 30 per cent with Gala hit by Revelation Picc. the lottery and the Coral chain Self Sealing Sys (54) of betting shops hurt by falls in both margins and turnover. Viewinn Bass reacted to the news with a fall of 9p to 734p. Lloyds Chemists firmed a further 3p to 470p after recom-

mending the counter-bid from Gehe, the German pharmaceutical group, worth 450p a share. That compares with an offer of around 405p a share from UniChem, which is expected to come back with a price of between 470p and BS Group 480p a share, valuing Lloyds Amstrad Chemists at £588 million. Cellech UniChem finished 3p easier at Monteagle GILT-EDGED: Attempts

to extend the previous day's gains lacked conviction, with investors anxiously awaiting the outcome of last night's \$12 Cortecs ... Rainford hillion US Treasury bond 30year auction. Bodycote Caledonia

In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt traded in narrow limits for much of the Scot TV session before ending a tick lower at £1094 in thin trading FALLS:

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TEMPUS More risk, less reward

WOULD you put your money in a business that invests £2.5 billion a year on immobile infrastructure, knowing that the return will be decided bureaucratically after the event by its worst enemy? Amazingly, however, British Telecom still has 25 million shareholders content to see it underperform a rising stock

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have absorbed a few shocks

over the years but they will

have received a severe jolt from yesterday's disclosure of a £5.4 million loss in the

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Sugar, the chairman, was

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> market average indefinitely. The hope has always been that the market would grow so fast that there would be room for everyone, including the Director-General of Telecommunications. That hope was shaken during the faltering recovery. In the nine months to end-December. group turnover rose by only 3.4 per cent and that depended on BT's share of 34 per cent growth at Cellnet. In the third quarter there was some renewed pick-up in domestic call volumes. But BT is losing a net 100,000 customers a

quarter to cable, and this should accelerate with easy number portability. Increased use of the system is therefore largely profitless and investment in extra capacity hard to justify on such a scale.

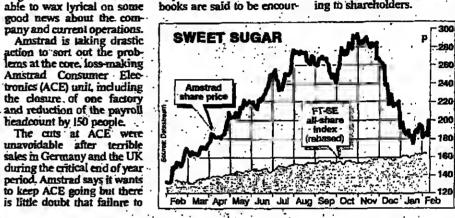
Pre-tax profits, up 13 per cent so far, were flattered by low redundancy charges. Since the annual target remains the same, that just leaves more for the final quarter. Operating profits are static. Oversees expansion owes more to strategy than to near-term profit hopes, so any worthwhile profit growth relies on BT marketing expanding the market. The shares sell at under 12 times likely 1995-

96 earnings but the comfort is in the 6.5 per cent dividend yield. That is 7S per cent above the market average, making BT an ideal defensive holding if you like regulatory risk-and expect the share index to turn down.

aging. production is ap-proaching target levels and a healthy profit contribution is deliver profits at ACE will hasten the day of its closure. More encouraging results and forecasts came from Amstrad's other businesses. particularly Dancall, the Danish mobile phone maker and the computer direct sales siness, Viglen.

expected in the second half. The mobile phone market currently resembles the personal computer market of Dancall is the reason to stay with Amstrad. Order

ten years ago, the sort of business Mr Sugar likes and understands. That is both encouragement and a warning to shareholders. books are said to be encour-



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BASS has been linked with almost every recent hid rumour in the brewing and trade on a forward earnings leisure sectors. Gossips have multiple of around 16. Withmatched Bass with Lad-broke, Vaux, Wetherspoon out an acquisition, the shares look fairly priced: Goldsmiths

IN THE good old days, an position of having the means to launch a hid without honest householder who suffered a burglary or flood feeling any pressure to buy. Coyly confessing that it could expect to receive acheque from an insurance company for the value of his stolen or destroyed property. Today's distressed victim: may soon have to put up with.

Norwich has given Goldsmiths an exclusive right to. supply replacement jewellery. and watches to its policyholders, an arrangment that covers some EIO million in claims annually. The claimant will be offered a replacement from Goldsmiths. which in turn will offer Norwich a discount of about 20 per cent on the cost of the item.

Goldsmiths reckons that the deal could eventually add up to £6 million to its turnover - claims for antiques or rare ttems may still be paid in cash by Norwich. Such a guaranteed stream of busi-

headcount by 150 people. The cuts at ACE were SkyePharma B Wis 8 ... t92 - 8 unavoidable after terrible sales in Germany and the UK RIGHTS SSUES Berkeley Gp n/p (435) 79 Oxford Moi n/p (235) 83 - 5 MALIORICHANGES Bass 110p (+12p

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and Carlsberg-Tetley, but the company has so far remained Bass is in the luxurious

would look at opportunities. Bass emphasises that organicgrowth remains important." Yesterday's trading state-

during the critical end of year period. Amstrad says it wants to keep ACE going but there is little doubt that failnre to Bass has enjoyed a welldeserved rise in its share price for a year. After yesterday's setback, the shares

panies. Scottish TV continues to be viewed as a takeover target, with the shares adding 12p at 600p, while gains were also scen in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees, up 53p to 900p, and HTV, up 2p to 351p, News International, owner of The Times and 40 per cent shareholder of BSky8, firmed 1p to 304p. The company reported first-half profits of	rellery at half of the gross margin to the business provider. Nor- wich no will benefit to the to hand tune of ELS million per year hicyholders in savings. Only the poor policyholder suffers. How- ing way to ever, he can always take his nountain of business to another insurer. EDITED BY CARL MORTISHED	4 •
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Anglia Television

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group, is expected to be the

first of many such deals in

Britain. This particular trans-

action was triggered by the Broadcasting Bill, now mak-ing its way through Parlia-ment, which will remove

many of the the toughest

restrictions on cross-media ownership. The age of the

media conglomerate is here. If anything, Britain is a

he merger of United News & Media, a

vintage, slow-moving

newspaper company

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Paper, pen and digital

NEVER say the President of the United States is not trendy. Jumping on the new technology bandwag-on, Bill Clinton yesterday signed the new Telecom-munications Bill - which deregulates the entire US phone industry - with a digital pen on a digital pad. Result the Bill, plus. President's signature. went out on the World Wide Web. But was a digital signature. digital signature legally and constitutionally binding? Unfortunately, the White House did not know. Anyway, no one was taking risks. To be on the safe side. Clinton also signed the Bill in ink on paper. Some things will probably never change.

Poles and holes THE extrovert London tones of Sir Peter Bonfield are signalling a radical culture change of a sort at British Telecom. Sir Peter, fresh into the chief executive's seat from ICL, explains that he has spent his first 40 days "up the poles and down the holes" to get to know his new company as well as meeting regulators in four countries. As it turns out. Sir Peter has not had enough safety training to be allowed up the

poles yet, but spent two hours down a hole in East London's Commercial road "helping" engineers to make repairs and not-ing cabling 50 years old.

Book to order

THE Royal Canadian Mounted Police are firston the list for a new book. to be launched next week. on How Not to be a Money. Launderer. Nigel Morris-Cotterill, the author, received fine Mounties. equest days after an ad-

Hollick deal heralds era of new media conglomerates

THE CREATION OF A LEADING BRITISH-BASED MEDIA GROUP

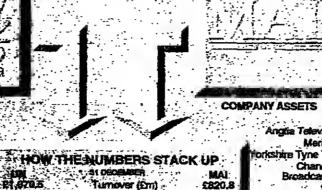
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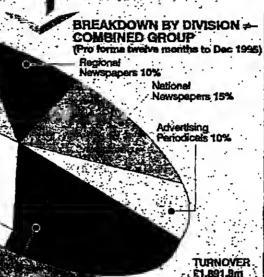
latecomer to the trend. In Television & Entertainmen America, sweeping changes in communications legislation have unleashed a cross-ownership free-for-all that has only just begun. The ultimate goal is to obtain access to residential and business consumers. be it through TV and radio signals, phone lines, the Internet, on-line services or newspapers and magazines. Any group that controls only one or two of these methods of access is reckoned to have a limited future; the winners will be the players that control

many or all of them. Lord Hollick, the managing director of MAI, who is to be chief executive of the as-yetunnamed merged group, cites The News Corporation, the parent company of The Times, as a ploneer. News Corp which owns dozens of newspapers around the world, America's Fox TV network and a 40 per cent stake in satellite TV. company BSkyB - last year joined forces with MCI, Amerca's second-largest long-distance phone company. MCI, which in turn is owned 20 per cent by British Telecom, bought a 13.5 per cent stake in News Corp for \$2.4 billion. The partners, among other things, plan to launch a satel-lite TV service in the US.

The recent passage in the US of the Telecommunications Bill will accelerate this process: The Bill allows local,



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Mirror chief executive, sees television as the group's future. He has been lobbying the Government for an exemption that would allow the group to increase its TV interests. At the moment, it has little room to manoeuvre because it controls more than 20 per cent of the national newspaper market, a level that. brings it to the ceiling on crossmedia ownership under existing rules.

Pearson, the owner of the Financial Times and Penguin books, has also been driving hard in the TV-sector. It has just added SelecTV, producer

Feather, to its burgeoning broadcasting portfolio, which includes Thames TV and Australia's Grundy Worldwide. The Telegraph group, pub-lisher of The Daily Telegraph and The Sunday Telegraph, is one of the few large newspaper companies without a smable electronic media investment. However, many newspaper groups are diversifying. About half of the largest newspaper companies in North America and Europe have broadcasting arms, and those are com-

panies that investment that analysts favour. To some degree, MAI's

out of United's ailing newspapers. The circulations of the Daily Express and Sunday Express have been in freefall, although its regional titles have been more robust. Aside from pumping a fortune into the editorial departments of the papers, there seemed to be no way of stopping their decline. Efforts to stem the slide, by hiring new editors and launching an open chequebook search for new journalistic talent, are already under way. But the rumour, denied by Lord Stevens. United's chairman, was that the national titles were on the auction

the year to December 31 Advertising periodicals will account for 10 per cent of turnover, and television and entertainment 19 per cent. MAJ owns Anglia Television and Meridian Broadcasting, the ITV licensees, and makes programmes such as those based on P. D. James's Adam Dalgleish novels.

Money and securities broking will account for 20 per cent, and business media and information 26 per cent. Lord Hollick said that the group's heavy exposure to business media and information makes comparisons with Reuters, the electronic information and news group, perfectly valid.

inkshire Tyne Tees So what are the benefits of Channel 5 Broadcasting putting two companies togeth-NOP er? On the practical front, cost savings are an obvious advan-tage. MAI will close its head office and move into the black Harlow Butler Garban and grey Express building on the banks of the River Thames. Wagon Finance (for sale £100m?) Some departments will combine and some redundancies are inevitable. Lord Hollick said cost savings equivalent to about 10 per cent of the combined operating profits of £265

million are possible. The merger, in theory, will release financial resources to prop up the ailing Express titles. It will also insulate the companies from hostile raiders. Both United and MAI were considered highly vulnerable to takeover attempts. But Lord Hollick sees the potential for cross-fertilisation. cross-promotion and the development of new businesses as the greatest advantage. With TV. newspapers and advertising periodicals, United and MAI will have access to huge swathes of the population, while businesses such as PR Newswire, NOP, the pollster, and the exhibitions division will give it good coverage of the

business market

ord Hollick said: "In our view, we have three or four businesses that are pre-eminent in their markets. What they need is additional resources, and this deal gives them that." Not everyone is convinced that synergies exist. Dan Colson. chief executive of The Telegraph, said he sees no crossover, for instance, between newspaper publishing and MAI's money and securities broking businesses. "It's very easy to be seduced by the theory that you have to be in all forms of the media in the first place, and money-broking isn't even media.' Nonetheless, the trend is likely to continue. There are few practical and legal reasons newspapers and electronic media should be separate businesses anymore. Not all the mergers will succeed. United and MAI, however, have to be given credit for their pioneering spirit.

When large investors find a voice

The institution's role as shareholder is changing, Marianne Curphey finds

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Anita Skipper, corporate

governance manager at the Norwich, says: "It is a deli-cate balance between talk-

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So after years of secret meetings with directors and

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John Holland, Professor

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nstitutional investors. institutional giant, has also who for so long have beexpressed "concern" over haved like inarticulate, Carlton's plans, but says slumbering giants, have suddenly found their voice large investors rarely speak publicly without first ootifyand are making it hard. ing the company of their

The most publicly trans-formed of all is Standard Life, one of the largest inves-tors, which yesterday an-nounced its objections to Farnell Electronics's proposed acquisition of the US industrial company. Premier. The price, it said, was too

high; it would dilute earnings to Famell's shareholders and would saddle Faroell with more than £430 million net debt. Standard Life's outburst

came just days after it had questioned the wisdom of Carlton Communication's proposed bonus increases for its most senior directors. Guy Jubb, the insurer's corporate governance director, said companies should reward management for "outstanding achievement, not mediocrity", with the implication that Carhon's

executives had not delivered the required resuits. Yesterday he defended his comments by say-ing Standard Life felt it was right to take a lead" on the is sue and a company's performance ought to be "continually assessed".

al investors in the UK, unlike those in America, had seemed rather passive, either trying to put pressure on companies behind the scenes, or ultimately selling shares if they were unhappy

Until recently, institution-

with performance. As institutional investors have increased in size, this becomes more difficult. In addition, the rise of indexed funds means trustees often can no longer use the option of selling shares, as they have to keep the appropriate weighting for the size of the company. UK pension funds con-

trolled assets worth £30 bil-

of International Banking and Finance at Glasgow University, believes it is. His recent research has found companies make extensive use of behind-the-scenes talks to influence a company before it makes decisions on issues such as remuneration. perks, length of contracts, succession and

the roles of chairman and chief executive, but he is convinced changes are overdue. One of the US's largest

and most confrontational pension funds, the California Public Employees Retirement System, is already diversifying into the UK.

"Vociferous institutional investors are well established in the US and it was almost inevitable that our cousins across the Atlantic should influence us," he says. "Larger shareholders tend to speak out when negotiations behind the scenes have broken down. They have discovered a very powerful tool: by speaking out about one company,

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vert for his new book went live on the Internet. A £20 cheque has already arrived from the Canadian Mounted Police College in Ottawa, and the author has pinned the counterfoil to his wall.

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markets and will probably trigger a flurry of takeovers and partnerships. Nynex and Bell Atlantic, two US regionalphone companies, are negotiating a joint venture in the long-distance telephone market. They, in turn, are expected to seek partnerships with multimedia companies so that

they can provide services such as video-on-demand. British media companies, in the expectation of more liberal cross-media ownership rules, have been thinking along the same lines. The Mirror Group launched Live TV, a cable channel, and bought a 20 per cent stake in Scottish Television. David Montgomery.

"It's good to talk money

Rat pickings ENOUGH of Fat Cats. Let's turn to British Rats, whose year, Chinese-style, hegins on February 19. Traditionally. Rat years are ones of opportunity for those prepared to take risk. Lori Rei, a hand analyst of Liskeard, Cornwall, says "the Rat is a master at finding rich pickings". Those should be sweet words for some British businessmen. Sir Christopher Hogg.

the man who demerged Courtaulds Textiles from Courtaulds, and whose reputation for making businesses work harder. becomes chairman of Allied Domeog next month. The outgoing chairman has just issued a profits

warning. Gerry Rohinson, with Forte tucked under his cheese trap, should be aware Rat years are "an ex-cellent 12-month period for new beginnings and fresh starts".

John Kemp-Welch, chairman of the Stock Exchange, should be pleased to know Lori predicts a year when markets and economies are buoyant, and things are generally on the up. And Sir John Harvey-Jones can preach his gospel to new businesses that it's a year to "begin projects, launch new products and forge new links".

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block. Andrew Neil, former editor of The Sunday Times. was part of one group trying to buy the papers, and Sir And-rew Lloyd Webber, the composer, was said to be a member of another. Cariton Communications, the largest ITV company, was also thought to be interested and may end up spoiling the MAI-United merger by bidding for United.

The merger of United and MAI through a tax-free share swap will create what the two companies describe as "a leading British-based media group". Regional and national newspapers will account for only 25 per cent of combined turnover and 18 per cent of combined operating profits, based on financial figures for

Vital workforce

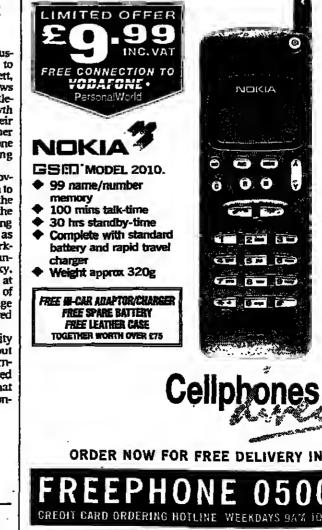
lion in 1975; today they amount to more than £500 billion. One fund manager said yesterday: "With a 3 per cent stake in a company it is impossible to sell quickly without driving the share price down. As investors get bigger, their influence over and responsibility to the stock market becomes greater."

Norwich Union, another

they are signalling to others in which they hold a stake that they too should step into line." The biggest UK investor, the Prudential, still prefers

discreet negotiations, though it does have a secret list of companies about which it is concerned. Fidelity and Legal & General, likewise, have so far staved silent

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From Mr David W. K. Chiny Sir. I wholeheartedly agreed with Robert Bruce's report on the consequences of Mr John ing the general public that onstrated under the leader-they will sleep better with a ship of Martin Mears that a chartered accountant". Mr Cook's actions demon-Cook's victory over the leader-ship of the English ICA (Janustrate that the membership. can fight back. The next ary 25). The English ICA has challenge is for members to change the constitution to require the president to be become increasingly bur-dened by a bloated central bureaucracy which is remote. elected by a vote of all the from the membership and members rather than by counwhich fails to address the cil members behind closed issues confronting either the profession or British business. doors. The proposed merger with CIMA should be rejected. Few members actively particias it offers nothing to the pate in institute affairs and the members of either institute institute has become publicly except for an even larger central bureaucracy. ridiculed by its expensive and

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BUSINESSLETTERS

Accountants can fight back and work to restore image

From Trevor Graham Baylis from my bankers - Barclays Sir, I was interested in Michael Heseltine's comments on Breakfast with Frost concerning staying in business. He was proud to say "at least all my creditors were paid". I am a tradesman and sole

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proprietor of a company and have traded for 27 years. In all

Extra zeros at KPMG taken into account

From Mr James Porter. during litigation, even after retirement from the firm. Sir, Much is being written about the size of partners. Renumeration should alsalaries in the recently pub- ways reflect on responsibility. lished accounts of KPMG. and, in the case of KPMG, the Surely the figures are reason- ... extra zeros are well earned. able as reward for the risks ... Yours faithfully,

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percentage of this levy to the Exchequer as payment for the enforcement of this rule. Companies would not be allowed to dictate terms that might leave low-level creditors exposed or disqualify business opportunity on the basis of payment terms.

Yours faithfully TREVOR BAYLIS, Haven Studio, Eel Pie Island Twickenham, Middlesex.

changes ignored From Mr John E. Moore great professional body can be run democratically for the interest of its members. This Sir, I find the current discus sions of earnings growth to be hollow (Philip Bassett, January 30). The views concentrate on the pay settleshould be an example to the members of the English ICA who now have a chance themselves to assert their voices,

ments and earnings growth of those who remain in their achieve democracy, and collectively work together to restore the tarnished image of their posts. Does Adair Turner really believe that everyone is on a CBI-monitored rising wage curve? The commentators, gov-

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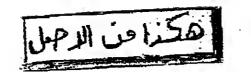
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Yours faithfully, JOHN E. MOORE, 24 Wildcroft Drive, North Holmwood, Dorking,

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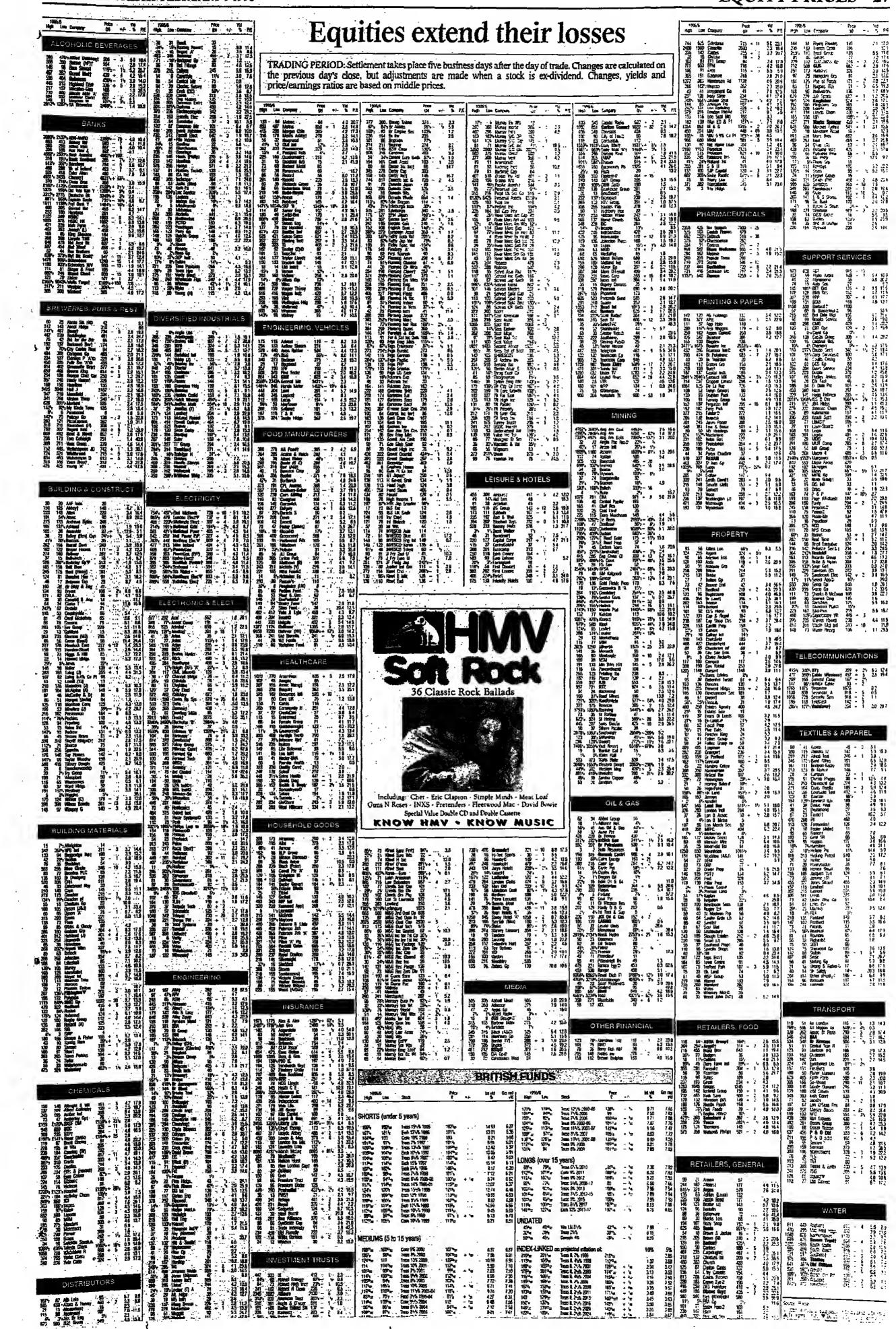
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against him in accordance with the

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Breach in denial of accused's access to lawyer

played by the inferences in the

proceedings against the applicant

In that context, it was recalled

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In the first place, before in-ferences could be drawn under

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Murray v United Kingdom [Case No 41/1994/488/570]

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges R. Bernhardt, F. Matscher, L-E. Pettiti, B. Walsh, N. Valticos, S. K. Martens, E. Palm, I. Foighel, R. Pekkanen, N. A. Loizou, F. Bigi, Sir John Freeland, M. A. Lopes Rocha, L. Wildhaber. Makarczyk. D. Gotchev. K. Jungwiert and U. Lohmus

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The European Court of Human Rights held, by 12 votes to 7, that there had been a violation of paragraph I. taken in conjunction with paragraph 3(c), of article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights as regarded a delendant's lack of access to a lawyer during the first 48 hours of his police detension

The Court also held, by 14 votes to 5, that there had been no breach of article 6, paragraphs I and 2 of the Convention arising out of the drawing of adverse inferences on account of the defendant's silence. Although not specifically men

tioned in article b, there was no doubt that the right tu remain silent under police questioning and the privilege against self-ination were generally recognised international standards hich lay at the heart of the notion of a fair procedure under article b.

Whether the drawing of adverse inferences from an accused's silence infringed article to was a matter to be determined in the light of all the circumstances of the case, having particular regard to the situations where inferences might be drawn, the weight attached to them by the national courts in their assessment of the evidence and the degree of compulsion inherent in the situation.

Article 6 of the Convention provides:

"I. In the determination of his civil rights and obligations or of any criminal charge against him, everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal established by Judgment shall be pronounced publicly but the press and public may be excluded from all or part of the trial in the interests of morals, public order or national security in a democratic society, where the interests of juveniles or the protection of the private life of the parties so require, or to the extent strictly necessary in the opinion of the court in special circumstances where publicity would prejudice the interests of

"2. Everyone charged with a criminal offence shall be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law.

-3. Everyone charged with a criminal offence has the following ninimum rights ... (c) to defend himself in person or through legal assistance of his own choosing or. if he has not sufficient means to pay for legal assistance, to be given it free when the interests of justice so require*

John Murray was arrested on January 7, 1990 in a house in which Provisional frish Republican Army informer (Mr L) had been held captive.

He was taken to the police station, where a detective superintendent, nursuant to the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1987, decided to delay the applicant's access to a solicitor for 48 hours, considering that such access would interfere with police operations against terrorism.

The applicant was cautioned by the police under the Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order (\$1 1968 No 1987 (N1 20)) that verse inference might be drawn if he failed to answer questions at the pre-trial stage. On January 8 and 9, 1990 the

applicant was interviewed 12 times. Before each interview he paragraph 531. was either cautioned or reminded that he was under caution. The applicant remained silent throughout those interviews. He saw a solicitor for the first time before the

final two interviews but the solici-tor was not allowed to attend. On May 8, 1991 the Lord Chiel Justice of Northern treland, sining without a jury, sentenced the applicant to eight years imprisonment for aiding and abetting the false imprisonment of Mr L

The judge, exercising his dis-cretion under the 1988 Order, drew avoiding miscarriages of justice and to securing the aims of article adverse inferences from the fact that the applicant failed to offer an explanation for his presence at the

house and had remained silent during the trial. The applicant's was called upon to give an appeal was dismissed by the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland in abstract analysis of the scope of those immunities and, in particu lar, of what constituted in that The application was lodged with context "improper compulsion". What was at stake in the case was the European Commission of Hu-man Rights on August 16, 1991; It whether those immunities were absolute in the sense that the was declared admissible on Januexercise by an accused of the right to silence could not under any circumstances be used against him Having attempted unsuccess-

fully to secure a friendly settle-ment, the Commission drew up a at trial or, alternatively, whether informing him in advance that, report on June 27, 1994 in which it under certain conditions, his siestablished the facts of the case lence might be so used, was always and expressed the opinion that to be regarded as "Improper there had been no violation of article 6 paragraphs | and 2 (15 compulsion" On the one hand, it was selfvotes tu 2), that there had been a violation of article 6 paragraph I in

conjunction with paragraph 3(c) (13 votes to 4) and that it was not necessary to examine whether eration to base a conviction solely or mainly on the accused's slience there had been a violation of article or on a refusal to answer questions or to give evidence himself. 14 in conjunction with article o (14

On the other hand, the Court

The case was referred to the deemed it equally obvious that Court by the Commission on September 9, 1994 and by the those immunities could not and should not prevent that the accused's silence. in situations Government of the United Kingwhich clearly called for an dom on October 11, 1994. explanation from him, be taken In its judgment, the European into account in assessing the

Court of Human Rights held as persuasiveness of the evidence fullows: adduced by the prosecution. I Alleged violation of article 6 Whenever the line between these A Article o paragraphs I and 2: wo extremes was to be drawn, it right to silence followed from this understanding The Court, confining its attenof "the right to silence" that the

tion to the facts of the case, question whether the right was considered whether the drawing of absolute had to be answered in the inferences against the applicant negative. under articles 4 and 6 of the 1988 Order rendered the criminal It could not be said therefore that an accused's decision to remain proceedings against him, and essilent throughout crimical pecially his conviction, unfair proceedings should necessarily

within the meaning of article 5 of have no implications when the trial court sought to evaluate the the Convention. it was recalled in that context evidence against him. In particu-lar. as the UK Government that no inference was drawn under pointed uut, established inter-national standards in that area. article 3 of the order. It was not the Court's role to examine whether, in general, the drawing of interences while providing for the right to under the scheme contained in the silence and the privilege against order was compatible with the self-incrimination, were silent on notion of a fair hearing under that point.

article to see, inter alia, Brogan Whether the drawing of adverse and Others v United Kingdom (The Times November 30, 1988; inferences from an accused's silence infringed article 5 was a 1968 Series A No 145-8, p29, maner to be determined in the light of all the circumstances of the Although not specifically mencase, having particular regard to the situations where inferences tioned in article 6 of the Convention, there could be no doubt that might be drawn, the weight attached to them by the national courts in their assessment of the the right to remain silent under police questioning and the privi-lege against self-incrimination evidence and the degree of comput-

were generally recognised inter-national standards which lay at sion inherent in the situation. As to the degree of compulsion the heart of the notion of a fair involved in the present case, it was procedure under article 5. recalled that the applicant was in By providing the accused with fact able to remain silent. Notprotection against improper compulsion by the authorities those immunities contributed to withstanding the repeated warnings as to the possibility that ferences might be drawn from his silence, be did not make any statements to the police and did not

give evidence during his trial, The Court did not consider that Moreover, under article 4(5) of the 1988 Order be remained a noncompellable witness. Thus his insistence in maintaining silence throughout the proceedings did not amount to a criminal offence or contempt of court. Furthermore, as had been stressed in national court decisions, silence, in itself, could not be regarded as an indication of guilt.

Admittedly a system which warned the accused, who was ssibly without legal assistance, as in the applicant's case, that adverse inferences might be drawn from a refusal to provide an explanation to the police for his presence at the scene of a crime or to testify during his trial, when taken in conjunction with the evident that it was incompatible with the impunities under considweight of the case against him, involved a certain level of indirect

compulsion. However, since the applicant could not be compelled to speak or

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to testify, as indicated above, that warning given or d he had doubts factor on its own could not be about it, we are confident that he would not activate article 6 against decisive. The Court rather concentrated its attention on the role

Furthermore, in Northern Inland, where trial judges sat with-out a jury, the judge had to explain the reasons for the decision to draw inferences and the weight attached to them. The exercise of discretion in that regard was subject to review by the appellate

courts. in the present case, the evidence presented against the applicant by prosecution was considered by the Court of Appeal to constitute a formidable case against him.

It was recalled that when the police entered the house some appreciable time after they knocked on the door, they found they the applicant coming down the flight of stairs in the house where Mr L had been held captive by the

Evidence had been given by Mr L, evidence which in the opinion of the trial judge had been corroborated, that he had been forced to make a taped confession and that after the arrival of the police at the house and the removal of his blindfold he saw the applicant at the top of the stairs.

wastairs and watch television. The applicant was pulling a tape out of a cassette. The tangled tape and cassette recorder were later nd on the premises. Evidence by the applicant's co-accused that he had recently arrived at the house was discounted as not being

remain silent. reason of his failure to give an account of his presence in the house when arrested and interrogated by the police. He also drew strong inferences under article 4 of the Order by reason of the applicant's refusal to give evidence in his own defence when asked by the court to do so.

in the Court's view, having regard to the weight of the evi dence against the applicant, the drawing of inferences from his refusal, at arrest, during police questioning and at trial, to provide an explanation for his presence in

in sum it was only common sense inferences which the judge considered proper, in the light of the evidence against the accused, that could be drawn under the 1988.

In addition, the trial judge had a should be drawn. As indicated by the Court of Appeal in the present case, if a judge accepted that an accused did not understand the

guished the drawing of inferences under the Order was that, in addition to the existence of the specific salegoards mentioned above, it constituted, as described by the Commission, "a formalised system which aims at allowing commonsense implications to play an open role in the assessment of evidence".

It considered that, what distin-

Nor could it be said, against that background, that the drawing of reasonable inferences from the applicant's behaviour had the effect of shifting the burden of proof from the prosecution to the defence so as to infringe the principle of the aption of innocence. It could not be said, against that

background, that the drawing of reasonable inferences from the applicant's behaviour had the ef-fect of stuffing the burden of proof from the prosecution to the defence so as to infringe the principle of the presumption of innocence.

Accordingly, the Court held, udges Pettit, Valticos, Walsh, lakarczyk and Lohmus dissenting, there bad been no violation of article 6, paragraphs I and 2 of the

B Access to lawyer The court observed that article 6.

especially paragraph 3, could be relevant before a case was sent for trial if and so far as the fairness of the trial was likely to be seriously prejudiced by an initial failure to comply with its provisions. National laws could attach consequences to the attitude of an cused at the initial stages of police interrogation which were decisive for the prospects of the defence in any subsquent criminal proceedings.

In such circumstances article 6 would normally require that the accused be allowed to benefit from the assistance of a lawyer already at the initial stages of police interrogation, However, that right, which was not explicitly set out in the Convention, might be subject to restrictions for good cause.

The question, in each case, was whether the restriction, in the light of the entirety of the proceedings, had deprived the accused of a fair hearing. The Court was of the view that the scheme contained in the 1988 the house was a maiter of common sense and could not be regarded as unfair or unreasonable in the Order was such that it was of paramount importance for the rights of the defence that an cused had access to a lawyer a As pointed out by the Delegate of the initial stages of police the Commission, the courts in a rogation.

considerable number of countries It observed that, under the where evidence was freely assessed Order, at the beginning of police interrogation, the accused was might have regard to all relevant circumstances, including the man confronted with a fundamental. ner in which the accused had filemma relating to his defence. behaved, or had conducted his defence, when evaluating the evi-If he chose to remain silent, adverse inferences might be drawn dence in the case.

provisions of the Order. On the other hand, if he opted to break his silence during the course of interrogaton, be ran the risk of prejudicing his detence without necessarily removing the pessibil-ity of inferences being drawn against him. Under such conditions, the con-

cept of fairness enshrined in article 6 required that the accused had the benefit of the assistance of a lawyer already at the initial stages of police interrogation. To deny access to a lawyer for the first 49 hours of police questioning, in a situation where the rights of the defence might well be irretrievably prejudiced, was, whatever the justification for such denial, in-compatible with the rights of the accused under article 6.

The Court therefore held, Judges Ryssdal, Matscher, Palm, Foighel, Sir-John Freeland, Wildhaber and Jungwiert dissenting, that then was a breach of article 6, paragraph 1 of the Convention, taken in conjunction with paragraph 3(c), as regarded the applicant's denial of access ot a lawyer during the first 48 hours of his police detention.

II Allegation of violation of article 14 in conjunction with article 6

The applicant further com plained that the practice in Northern ireland regarding access of solicitors to terrorist suspects was discriminatory, contrary to article 14 of the Convention taken in conjunction with article 6, having regard to the fact that solicitors vere not permitted to be present at any stage during the interviewing of suspects by the police unlike their counterparts in England and Wales.

However, in the light of its conclusion that the denial of access to a solicitor in the present case gave rise to a breach of article 6.1 in conjunction with 6.3(c) of the Convention, the Court held, unanimously, that it did not have to namine that issue.

III Application of article 50 As to compensation the Court recalled that its finding of a iolation of article 6 was limited to the applicant's complaint concerning access to a solicitor, in its opimion, the finding of a violation was in itself, sufficent just satisfac tion for the purposes of article 50 of the Conventio

As regards costs and expenses the applicant claimed E57,263-51. Bearing in mind that the finding of a violation only related to the applicant's complaint concerning access to a lawyer, the Court awarded E15,000, less the sums granted by the Cooncil of Europe by way of legal aid and payable within three months.

number of different words to

describe various things that could

be done to personal data, including

Section I(7) defined "processing"

to include "extracing the informa-

tion constituting the data". It was

clear that the operation performed.

by Mr Brown fell within the

definition of "processing", but it

could not also constitute "using".

The Act treated processing dil

the reasoning of Lord Goff.

Gillingham, Kent.

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with legitimate inferences based upon it, could lead a property directed jury to be satisfied beyond He had been told by him to go reasonable doubt that each of the essential elements of the offence The question in each particular case was whether the evidence adduced by the prosecution was sufficiently strong to require an answer. The national court could. not conclude that the accused was credible. guilty merely because he chose to The trial judge drew strong inferences against the applicant under article 6 of the 1988 Order by

It was only if the evidence against the accused called for an explanation which the accused ought to be in a position to give that a failure to give any explanation which the accused ought to be in a position to give that a failure to give any explanation may as a matter of common sense allo drawing of an inference that there

is no explanation and that the accused is guilty". Conversely, if the case presented by the prosecution had so little.

evidencial value that it called for no answer, a failure to provide one could not justify an inference of guilt

Order.

discretion whether, on the facts of the particular case, an inference-

en to the accused as to the legal fects of maintaining silence. Moreover, as indicated by the judgment of the House of Lords in IRA Murray v DPP (1992) 97 Cr App R 151) the prosecutor had first to a prima facie case against the accused, that is, a case consisting of direct evidence which, if believed and combined

Retrieval of information from computer is not use of data under Act

Regina v Brown (Gregory) Before Lord Goff of Chieveley Lord Griffiths, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Hoffmann Speeches February 8

Where a person, for an improper purpose, retrieved information from a computer database in the form of a screen display, but thereafter made nu use of the information, he did not "use" the data within the meaning of section 5(2)(b) of the Data Protection Act

The House of Lords (Lord Griffiths and Lord Jauncey dissenting dismissed an appeal by the Crown from the Court of Anneal, Criminal Division. [Lord Justice Staughton, Mr Justice Hidden and Mr Justice Laws) (The Times June 4. 1993: [1994] QB 547), who had allowed an appeal by Gregory Michael Brown against his convic-tions at Maidstone Crown Court Judge Waley, QC and a jury) on March 10, 1992 of anempted improper use and improper use of personal data, contrary in section 5(2)(b) of the 1984 Act.

Mr Timothy Langdale. QC and Mr Tom Kark for the Crown; Mr Brian Higgs, QC and Mr Robin Johnson for Mr Brown.

LORD GOFF said that Mr Brown had formerly been a police constable in the Kent Constahu lary. The chief constable was a registered data user for the purposes of the 1984 Act and his agents, including Mr Brown, were entitled to make use of the data

stored in the database of the police national computer for the registered purpose of policing.

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ary 18, 1994.

votes to 3).

Mr Brown had been friendly with a man who ran a debtcollection husiness. On two occasions he had used the computer to register entry. check the registration numbers of vehicles owned by debtors of clients of the business. Those checks had been made through other police officers operating the computer on his behalf.

In the first case the search had not revealed any personal data as defined by the Act because the vehicle was owned by a company. In the second case, the search had revealed personal data, but there was no evidence that Mr Brown or

the information obtained. Mr Brown had been charged with offences under the 1984 Act uf using personal data held within the memory of the computer. contrary to section 5(2)(b), (3) and 15). The judge had directed the jury that, in the first case, Mr Brown could only be guilty of an attempt. "Data" was defined in section 1(2) of the Act as "information tion so recorded. recorded in a form in which it can

be processed by equipment operating automatically in response to instructions given for that In other words, it might broadly be described as information reform.

corded in computer-readable form. Personal data was data consisting of information relating to a living individual who could be

identified from it: section 1(3). concerned only with information Section 5(2) provided that a regwhile it was in computer-readable istered data user, or his servant or form. It was concerned with use of the information as such. agent "shall not ... use" personal

data held by him for any purpose The use referred to in paragraph other than as described to the 7 of Part If of Schedule I would be inconceivable if data could only be The only action taken by Mr Brown in relation to the data had used by being retrieved from the database. His Lordship's apbeen that he had caused another proach also accorded with the statutory purpose of protecting personal data from improper use. If Mr Brown had originally been charged not with the full offence of officer to operate the computer and so cause the information constitut-ing the data to be displayed on a screen. He had then read the information so displayed and obusing personal data but with an attempt to do so, the jury would served what it consisted of, but had taken no other action in relation to have had to consider whether, on it. The question was whether by so acting he had "used" the data. the evidence, his actions coupled with his state of mind showed that he was commining no more than preparatory acts, for example if he had just been finding out whether there was information that might be of use to him in assisting his friend, ur whether he had barked on the commission of the offence because he had had a firm intention to put that information to an improper use if it had proved to be useful for that purpose. There was, however, in the

present case, no question of upholding the conviction of an anempt in the first case or of Of course, the computer would substituting such a conviction in the second case. Such a conviction was only

approach could be found else-where in the Act. The third "data

as to render him guilty of an atternet

LORD GRIFFITHS, dissenting, said that if "use" were not given a broad construction the purpose of the Act would not be achieved, there would be a serious locuna in the protection it provided and there would be difficulties in its enforcement. The Act had been enacted to

implement the obligations in the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data ([1981) (Crund 8341). The Act should therefore be construed so far as permissible to accord with the Convention. Article | of the Convention stated

that the purpose of the Convention was to secure the individual's right to privacy". To read the personal data about an individual displayed on a computer screen or in a printout was an invasion of

Relevance of time

John)

Sefore Lord Justice Hutchison, Mr. Justice Sachs and Mr Justice Moore-Bick [Judgment January 26] Time spent in custody could be taken into account by the sentence

ing court not only when deciding the length of a custodial sentence but also when deciding the level of The Court of Appeal so held in substituting a fine of £1,000 for one

bridge Crown Court in sentencing Barry John Warden on his plea of guilty to a charge of permitting the supply of cannabis on his premises. Mr Martin Evans for the defendant: the prosecution did not

appear and was not represented. MR JUSTICE MOORE-BICK. giving the judgment of the court,

Abuse of process

Rentall Lid and Another v D. S. Willcock Ltd and Others Where counsel had stated at the end of the trial that he could not oppose the dismissal of third-party proceedings and that his clients would not pursue them lurther, it was an abuse of the process of the court for his clients to seek on appeal a new trial of the thirdparty proceedings.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Rose) so held on February 6, when allowing applications by the first third party. Christopher Michael Harrison, and the second third party. Coopers & Lybrand. to strike out part of the notice of appeal dated March 10, 1995 served hy D. S. Willcock Ltd.

the Act and the protection of personal data that the Convention , and the Act had intended to that person's privacy if there was o legitimate purpose for doing so. It was not straining the meaning of language to say that a person was using the information stored Lord Jauncey agreed with Lord

a computer if he informed Griffiths. himself of its contents. Lord Browne-Wilkinson agreed Once information had .entered with Lord Hoffmann. the public domain it was imprac-LORD HOFFMANN, concurtical to attempt to place any restraints on its use or further

ring in dismissing the appeal, said that retrieving data from a com-puter seemed to him a use of the dissemutation. Mr Brown had had no business to be reading the personal data on the police computer for . debtcomputer rather than a use of the data. The scheme of the Act as a collecting purposes, and his Lord-ship saw no hardship in adopting whole did not permit the phrase "use [personal] data" to be con-strued as including its retrieval. a construction of section 5 that created an offence if he did so. The Act quite carefully used a

ff, on the other hand, an obligation were laid on the prosecution to prove not only that illegitimate access to the information in the computer had been obtained but also how that information had subsequently been applied, his Lordship could see great practical difficulties in the enforcement of

Regina v Warden (Barry said that the court had to consider two points:

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Mr Graeme Harrison, QC, sitting

as a judge of the High Court, on

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counsel for the defendants had

realistically apprised the judge

that further conduct of the third-

party proceedings from his point of view was doomed to failure. The

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THEATRE

A melancholy

study of the

game of life?

Storey's The

Changing Room is

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MUSIC Flashes of insight, but also some indulgences, in Roger Norrington's exploration of Hector Berlioz

TOMORROW Homage to an eminent Victorian: the centenary of Lord Leighton is celebrated with a fine exhibition

THEATRE: Rugby league drama in a David Storey classic; and an even-tempered portrait of comic Tommy Cooper

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Life's a pitch, and then you die

here is something odd, ironic and, for those of us who admire the man, highly satisfying in find-ing David Storey's rugby-football drama ensconced in the West End as part of a season of Royal Court "classics". Throughout the 1980s the playhouse that had made his name as a dramatist treated him as a non-person, forcing him to give other theatres the work he had written with its proscenium arch in mind and, I suspect, stemming his creative flow as a result. But a new regime is at last making what, next to the production of a new Storey play, is the best kind of reparation. If I had to pick a personal Javourite from the work he wrote in the late 1960s and the 1970s, it would be his Contractor. Maybe next year the Court will find the courage to restage a play that requires a tent to be meticulously erected in Act I and conscientiously dismantled in Act II. But the piece

o lawyer

The Changing Room Duke of York's

at the Duke of York's is an excellent example of Storey's ability to evoke lives from snippets and a society from those lives. Less becomes more. He calls the play The Changing Room and leaves you feeling that you are seeing a changing world.

The main event, a rugby league match somewhere in Yorkshire, occurs offstage. Nothing of obvious import happens amid the dingy brown benches, the grey-green plaster, the clothes hooks and (at the back) the dreary white tiles of a locker room that would have any modern rugby-league pro on the fax to his agent with demands for hardship pay.

The players prepare for the same, they stagger in frozen and althy at half-time and then dress and make their farewells, leaving the decrepit cleaner we met at the beginning to end the play with another despondent shove of the



Little up his sleeve

This is the story of Tommy Cooper. Thankfully, play-wright Garry Lyons portrait of the fondly remembered feztopped comic (embodied by longjawed, lumbering Sleven Speirs) is a bit different from today's countless biographically scrappy tributes to rock'n'rollers.

True, we see Cooper rising to fame, and his final collapse. Scenes alternate between his behaviour offstage and his best-loved acts. And Speirs recreates Cooper's old tricks, combining manicness and mock clumsiness.

The surprise is that Lyons's play. first written for Hull Truck, specifically focuses on Cooper's precelebrity days when he was entertaining the troops in the Middle East just before demob. In Peter Rowe's energetic, stylish Evcryman production, we watch Cooper in a memory-scape: an expanse

Frankie and Tommy Everyman, Liverpool

of sand encircled by old props baskets with a curtain stage at the rear, its proscenium arch fashioned from corrugated iron (designer

Ashley Shairp). Actually this is a story of two men. of the short-lived double act of Tommy Cooper and little Frankie Lyons. The latter went back to working sheetmetal after his battle with Cooper's growing ego. The surnames are no coincidence - the dramatist is Frankie's son.

As a consequence, Cooper is not simply fondly remembered. Combining research and poetic licence, Lyons Ir is really exploring the competitive aspect of double acts, the unfunny side of an obsessively ambitious comic, and the difference between large and small talent.

Speirs is not Cooper reincarnated. He has not got the vocal rasp, and the young Cooper was in fact more skeletal than hefty. Still, he builds up a quite complex character. sometimes hyperactive like an insecure child, sometimes bullishly

crushing, maybe just driven, but

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that's about it. The play might almost be one of those documentaries for television that end with a studio discussion about the future of the sport between men called

Brian and Ron. Certainly, James Macdonald directs it with admirable attention to boy whose idea of fun is urinating

detail. And, although one or two of the bodies onstage might have trouble surviving a sprint for a taxi down St Martin's Lanc, his 22-man cast create a credibly sweaty. authentically male atmosphere. Character after character edges into being amid the mildly sala-

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Richard Cork continues his guide to the Tate's Cézanne retrospective

who is ruining his game; Simon Wolfe as the wary mother's boy who examines each word for the cious banter and the smell of resin: possibility of offence; and, most significantly, David Hargreaves as Philip Whitchurch as the laughing the club's top dog and Ewan

in the team bath: Brendan Coyle as Hooper as its bottom one. The chairman is a rich builder who the player who, even when halfconscious, clings pathetically to the tool-kit with which he plans to never appears without his accountant, gives the appearance of having to fake an enthusiasm for the game, build shelves for the unfaithful wife and moans about the deteriorating quality of everything from bricks to chickens to men.

The cleaner's nostalgia for old days when colliers played rugby after 16 hours undergrouod isn't to

ROGER NORRINGTON and

the London Philharmonic continued their exploration of Berlioz at the Festival Hall

with a programme of shorter works, some heard only rarely today. Norrington, in his in

troductory chat, described

them all as "small master-pieces", which indeed they are,

in their way. We were certain-

ly given an overview of

Berlioz's development as a

composer, from his earliest

orchestral piece, the overture

Les Francs-Juges, to the Royal

Hunt and Storm scene from Act IV of Les Troyens. This set up many fascinating cross-

references and insights, though perhaps at the expense

of the performers' collective

concentration.

Knock-on effects: Philip Martin Brown (Sandford), Brendan Coyle (Kendal), and Philip Whitchurch (Walsh) in David Storey's behind-the-scrum dramatisation

be taken so seriously, for he is a miserable old git who never watch-es a game. Nevertheless, he too adds to the play's often melancholy feel. As in much of Storey's work, a sense of unease and loss is all about.

But so, if only briefly, is some-thing rare in Storey. You feel it when the time to face the crowd approaches and even the jokers go

flashes of ge-nius from

Norrington,

there were

quiet. You certainly feel it when the players return, justifiably proud at a hard task well performed. Divisions have been replaced by unity. There is camaraderie, even joy. For just a few moments a game and a changing room have shown what

the world might be. NIGHTINGALE

perhaps a sharp carcerist. This is not a play of dazzling genius or depth. Ben Fox's basically affable, unbrilliant Frankie is not the Salieri of light entertainment. The escalating rows could also be condensed. Nevertheless, the duo's interactions, with Cooper warding off intimacy by playing the joker, are very believably scripted.

KATE BASSETT

the fat sound of modern tubas

and trombones lent a ponder-

ous air. The least familiar item on

the programme was the Fan-

CONCERTS: Berlioz masterpieces; lively Beethoven; a period quartet the orchestra, giving solos to ophicleides and trombones, emphatic pizzicatos in the double basses and so on. No ophicleides in the London Philharmonic, of course, and Homage paid in

BENEDICT

tasy on Shakespeare's The the pattern: exhilarating cli-Tempest. with the role of mactic moments, but then a Spirits of the Air taken by the

London Philharmonic Choir and a magical scoring that brilliantly created an atmo-sphere of enchantment. Much This was also true of the two

TESS KNIGHTON

Haydn (Quartet in B Minor, greater contrast between

quartet is fertile ground for spirits such as these. If the tentative opening was shrouded in myslery, the throwaway ending was no less teasing. The Scherzo demonstraled a less positive characteristic: technical insecurity, with vulnerable intonation and notes

In the Mendelssohn, the Adagio non lento was rather a robust creation, the light touch of the Scherzo was not ideally realised, and a long pause destroyed the contrast with the explosive opening of the finale But the ensemble contrived a breathtakingly tranquil ending to the work

was loo indulged. This was generally

degree of self-absorption.

ferent to the audience. Parts of the excerpt from Les Trovens val and Les Francs-Juges. This last teems with ideas, not only suffered from this patchiness: in the thematic material but the storm climax, with the also in the composer's use of the orchestral palette. Berlioz antiphonal outburst of "offclearly could not resist experi-

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Quatuor Mosaïques

Wigmore Hall

IT MAY not trip off the tongue, but the name of the

on the lips of many a connois-

seur in recent years, Barry

Quatuor Mosaïques con-

sists of three Austrians and a

Frenchman, playing period instruments. Christophe Coin,

the Frenchman, is a disun-

guished cellist. Erich Ho-

barth, Andrea Bischof and

Anita Mitterer, the Austrians,

have been associated with

Nikolaus Harnoncourt and

Concentus Musicus Wien. The

group's individual approach

stage" brass and timpani, was thrilling, but the extended passage for horns, while beau-While there were many

Big on gesture Philharmonia/

comes in that context.

of textural details, however, is considerably less of a virtue in Sibelius. Wolff's neon signposting in the Fifth Symphony continually foregrounded material better left in shadow. The contours were big and dramatic, often arresting, but lacked the veiled, atmospheric quality that Sibelius surely wanted. However, if the spirit remained unconvincing, the was undeniably Stirring.

attention to the textural details: a crisply dotted cadence on trumpets here, a pregnant drum roll there. And all contained within a taut rhythmic framework providing a strong forward thrust (the Philharmonia on top form). All the more curious, therefore, that the solo part, which would normally be expected to

be the more ostentatious. should prove the more reticent. But this was the reticence of utter self-confidence and mastery. Gil Shaham's playing may seem to be innocently straightforward. But how telling the slightest nuance be-

The emphatic underlining

reminds one of those iconoclastic musicians. BARRY The sound of their period MILLINGTON instruments, whether in

"Even the humblest objects were painted sumptuously": Cezanne's Still Life with Apples, 1893-94. Private collection n Cézanne's day, still life explain why was regarded as a rather the oval 1. Ceranne mouth of the inferior subject. But with green ... ce-

on painting even the humsumptuous manner.

Still Life with Apples, painted when he was in his mid-fifties, is among the most delectable of these paintings. He liked injecting tension by making the objects tilt in unexpected directions. Bin that does not wholly

typical defiance he insisted

ramic vase has been widened so surprisingly. When it suited him, Cezanne played around with perspective. Different components in Still Life with Apples seem to

be viewed from different vantages. He wanted us to gaze into the welcoming emptiness of the vase. But the patterned drape and seem to

neighbour-, ing glazed ginger jar is seen from lower down, so that Cézanne could emphasise its gratifying rotundity.

The plate, by contrast, is raised up steeply on the white cloth, helping us to see the ripe, burnished Provençal apples as enticingly as pos-sible. They spill out on to the

be in danger of pushing the sugar bowl off the table. But Cézanne counters this unrest, and the almost volcanic upheaval of the cloth's mountainous forms, with the coolness of the wall behind.

• Ceanne is at the Tate Gallery until April 28, sponsored by Ernst & Young. For advance booking, which is advised, tele-phone 0171-420 0000

Tomorrow: Richard Cork dis casses Woman with a Coffee - DOL C. 1895

Wolff Festival Hall CHARLES ROSEN, in his new book The Romantic Gen-

eration, proffers the notion that "the choreographic gyrations of the virtuoso conductor are important to the audience's comprehension", on the grounds that "an accent accompanied by an outflung arm seems literally to become

louder and more intense". The podium choreography of Hugh Wolff, conducting the Philharmonia on Tuesday, provided a telling demonstra-

tion. The crouching and stalking were from the Tilson Thomas school of conducting. Bin there was also a repertoire of less histrionic gestures that rhetoric

did signal the conductor's intentions. In Beethoven's Violin Con-

certo those gestures drew our

bits and pieces LPO/Norrington tifully played.

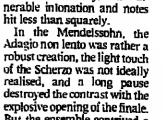
Festival Hall other times when he seemed

so immersed in the unusual beauty of Berlioz's music that he appeared strangely indifovertures, the Roman Carni-

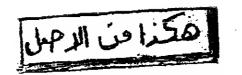
better known today is the song-cycle Les Nuits d'été, which was immaculately sung by Ann Murray. menting with every section of

> Op 33 No I), Beethoven (in F, Op 135) or Mendelssohn (A Minor, Op 13), inevitably sets them apart from conventional ensembles. The timbre is wholly integral to their musicmaking. An almost perverse delight is taken in presenting ordinary phrases in an unusu-al way. With the Andanie of the Haydn sounding quaintly remote and the Presto all short

bowstrokes and jokey chatter, it would be difficult to imagine Quatuor Mosaïques has been movements. Beethoven's enigmatic last







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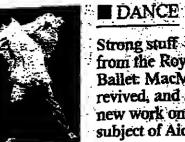
Wagner comes to **English National** Opera, with a new staging of Tristan VENUE: Opens tomorrow at the London Coliseum

CHOICE 2



John Steinbeck's Of Mice and Men goes on stage in Edinburgh VENUE: Opens tonight at the Royal Lyceum

CHOICE 3



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Strong stuff from the Royal Ballet MacMillan revived, and a new work on the subject of Aids

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Bank, Tom Bancroff's free spinled 14-piece orstvestra gathers under its chansmatic leader, venturing out of his charasmatic leader, ventrumg out of his Edinburgh lan to perform a selection of edirectic mational, including a new construstion from Birmingham, Jover in Soho on Sunday, the opera singer Salty Burgeas shows off her versatile voice in cabalet jazz. Purcell Recent, South Bank, SE1 (0717-960 4242) Tonight 7 30pm, Sat Birmingham Adhan Bouth Hall (a) (0121-605 6666), Jazz at PizzeExpress, Dean Street, W1 (0171-439 6722) Sun, from 7 45pm TRISTAN ANO ISOLDE Mark Elder returns to English National Opera to conduct a new production of Wagner Director David Alden Lakes the halm for the ultimation of to detersize the halm for the ultimate ode to observational passion, with designs by lan (An inspector Calls) MacNell, the American terror George Gray makes his house debut as Tristan, and Elizabeth Connell encon leader. Encor histor for Wannantee Collaseum, St Martin's Lane WC2 (0171-632 80001 Tomarrow, 4pm, 5) INTERNATIONAL SONGMAKERS The Wignore sense continues all Gomes, Stella Doutexs, Crinistopher Malimen and panist Graham Johnson Calebrate Alban Berg torught, and Caliname Wyn-Rogers and Malcolm Martineau take over tomorrow

and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30; Sat, 5pm. (5) ELSEWHERE EDINBURGH: Opening right for Sterbeck: sown stage adaptation of his Of Mice and Men. Tom McGoven and Bob Benett star as the why terminend and the simple giant, vainty searching for the American Dream in a Deprecision-bound land; Kenny trekind Greeds Royal Lyceum, Gringtay Street (0131-229 9697). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Feb 17, 21 and 24, 2.30pm. Until Mar 2 (5) LEEDS: Toby Jones plays the crathy clerk and Bob Mason the compt governor in Gogol's The Governmen Inspector With Phalm McDermott directing, the Expressionist elements are likely to be vivid West Yorkshire Playhouse, Cuany Hill (0113-244 2111) Tomorrow-Feb 14, 7 30pm. Opens Feb 15. 7 30pm, until Mar 16 👸 MANCHESTER. Yan Pascal Torlefler and the BBC Philhermonic Orchest slart the weekend with the world

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts

premiere of Judith Brigham's orchastral lantasy Beyond Redemption but if it is a lamity concert you want then the Hatlé Orchastra cotiges on Sunday attencion, Ken Campbell Lans can take a peek at Violin Three. his can take a poek at violant tiple. Ins lasts journey into the blocane world of the everyday, with Teo-We Vuong Proc Trade Hall, Peter Sneet (2) (0161-834 1712) Tonight, 7.30pm Sun, 3pm Centest, Oxford Road (2) (274 4400). Sun. 7 30pm. BRISTOL One of Britain's champions BhistibiL One of Brian's champions of contemporary music, the Brunnal Ensemble, premeres Will Tod's Violan Concerto lothornow. The ensemble always mix in classics from earlier in the century, so the programme also includes works by Bernstein, Payne and Concerti and Copi St George's, Brandon Hill (0117-923 0359) Sel, 7.30pm 👸

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British ballet, it used the language of classical dance not for the telling of fairy-tales or for the painting of pretty pictures, but for the brazen expression of human desire and damnation. And like the rape victim in The Invitotion. British ballet would never be the same again. Seeing it revived 36 years later is to appreciate how early in his career MacMillan was, like Antony Tudor

The Invitation/ **Dances with Death** Covent Garden

celebrated jungle-war drama; produced by Counterpoint Theatre Co Albery. St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mars Thurs. 3pm and Sat. 5pm

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ol life in the city. Hoyal Court, Stoane Square (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7,20; Sat, 9:30 Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

 HEAT (15): LA delective Al Pacare tree to catch Robert De Nero's crooks Excellent epic crime drame from writer-dractor, Michael Mann Barbiene St (01 71-538 8891) Chaptern Picture House (01 71-498 3223) MGMs; Fothame Road (01 71-498 3223) MGMs; Fothame Road (01 71-434 0031) Notling Hill Coronet SJ (01 71-434) 3) Michael 2636) Tracadero (3) (01. 31) Notting Hill Coronet (2630) Swian Co

before him, prepared to confront the darker side of human sexual psychology. But, unlike Tudor, he was turning those forbidden passions into gloriously effusive dance. When they come for this ballet has more padding than an over-stuffed Victorian sofa - Mac-Millan's dance phrases are charged with expressive urgency, hurtling his dancers into flights of ecstasy and anguish. Sex is in the air in The Invitation; it's

DANCE

enneth MacMillan breaking taboos when he

choreographed The Invita-

tion in 1960. A landmark in

even to be found in the naked statues in Nicholas Georgiadis's garden, and all the genteel Edwardian house guests are at it. The Girl (the role that made a star of Lynn Seymour) and Her Cousin are two innocents in their midst, folding into one another in youthful infatuation. In stark contrast, the Wife and the Husband are destroying one another with their anger and disillusion. The Wife's rather touching seduction of the Cousin is set against the Husband's brutal rape of the Girl, a moment of true expressionistic horror.

The Royal Ballet dances it well, even though the work hasn't been done since 1977. Genesia Rosato, as the Wife, was elegant and sympathetic; Stuart Cassidy's Cousin was sensitively real-ised. Irek Mukhamedov was powerfully masculine as the husband overtaken by his carnal appetite. And Leanne Benjamin, inheriting the Seymour role,

as well be at a football match

or down the pub. There's a law

of supply and demand at work

here, with the spirit of dear.

sainted Lilian Baylis hovering

benignly overhead.



Life-and-death struggle: Darcey Bussell and Belinda Hatley in Matthew Hart's new Dances with Death

danced as if she were caught up in a rush of adrenalin, the physicality of her performance spilling forth like floodwaters out of a burst dam - elemental

and unstoppable. Sex is also a force of destruction in Dances with Death. Matthew Harr's new piece about Aids. A ballet about. such a loaded issue, especially one whose pivotal character is the virus itself, could so easily descend into an embarrassment of mawkish intemperance, But Hart, although only 23, has learns the lessons of his craft well. Dances with Death is a heartfelt and moving personal statement delivered with touches of the anical brillinger.

a literal discourse on the disease at some remarkable lifts to spotlight the work. Darcey Bussell is the lethal women; tender for Hatley's innocent virus; the corps de hallet the cells of the body, their passage from white costume to red a sign of their deadly transformation. But Hart has frac-tured his modest narrative into layers of arresting imagery. Some are crassly specific - the moment of infection between Jonathan Cope and Belinda Hatley's lovers'- but others hold the eye in unforgettable imprints, best of. all the final tableau of Bussell looming high over her army like a mighty general victorious in battle. Chorcographically, the nien are less ' fimbs. While all around her mass the

diffusion of character as Cope's dis-'eased male lover. But Hart has devised

ry serves) second bassoon in the prelude. Geoffrey Boyd,

the conductor, knew what the

score should yield, and did his

damnedest to realise it. All the soloists had real

voices and projected the words

with total clarity. And there

was genuine musical intelli-

gence at work: when, for

example, did you last hear a

Toreador sing the chorus of

his. number piano? Or a. Carmen start the Seguedille at

a genuine planissimo? Bravo

Guy Harbottle and Suzanne

was perfect for Don José's

music in the earlier acts, and

through sheer willpower he

Neil Allen's sweet lyric tenor

Joyce respectively.

victim, triumphant for Bussell's attacking angel of death.

In the end Dances with Death is an out-and-out contest between Hatley's brave survivor and Bussell's inexorable master. Hatley is gorgeous, abun-dant in her ill-fated yearning for the doomed Cope and in her determination to defy his disease in her own body. Bussell relishes the opportunity to undermine the sweetness of her usual image, her legs lashing out their fatal touch like an insect with poison-tipped well drawn that the women Adam inspressive forces of the corps de ballet, Cooper, in particular, suffers from a regetting stronger by the minute.

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Carmen

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Yet not even so soppy a romantic as I could claim that everything about Commedia Productions' staging of Carmen is perfect - no mooey - but their intentions are the purest. Bill Bradford's permanent set serves. Costumes and production are largely DIY -

hence little sign of the millitary, and none too clear a narrative line, a problem highlighted by over-enthusiastic cutting of the dialogue. The biggest problem wasthe use (for reasons of economy) of an ancient, out-ofcopyright translation: it would be a pity if "ordinary" audiences thought opera librettos were as stilted as this.

You could question the nonprofessional chorus's intona-" tion, but not their boldness of attack: they had worked themselves silly learning some very tricky music, and whammed ... into it. The band, largely one to a part, performed miracles of doubling - the heroic solo horn, apart from playing what Bizet wrote for him very beautifully, nearly ruptured himself filling in for (il memo-

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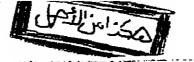
found the heft for the third and fourth-act finales. The murder held the Hackney audience breathless.

And there's the nub. For all its imperfections, there was a transparent honesty about the performance that triumphed over circumstances and gave the audience a clear idea of what Carmen is all about Would that the same could be said of the hospitality orientat-ed. plumply feline Albert Hall Boheme, which harboured presumptuous pretensions to "people s opera".

There was amplification at the Empire, too, equally unnecessary as far as the voices were concerned, but it was a hundred times better managed.

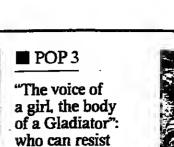
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Gravity-defying Cleo brings a touch of the old magic to a season at the Café Royal



Perfect dentistry with added bite

THESE days, it is widely held that the owner of the most boyish grin in British pop is Blur's Damon Albarn. Back in the early 1980s, though, that mantle was cast around a young Nick Heyward's shoulders. While many musical

contemporaries were experimenting with the frilled col-

lars and extravagant fringes of New Romanticism, the rela-

tive wit and drive of his punk-

pop band Haircut 100 came as a breath of fresh air.

Their collective career was

short-lived, however, and

Heyward's subsequent prog-

ress as a solo artist has been

his pleasing dentistry can yet mature into a songwriter of

The penny might be begin-ning to drop though. Tangled, his recent album for Epic, has

won warm reviews, going some way to repositioning the 34-year-old artist within the

Driven by a much more

muscular guitar sound than

that which characterised his

earlier work, its short, sharp

songs have led some critics to

comment that Heyward

should be viewed almost as an

older brother to the brash

young heroes of Britpop. His

acute lyrical eye provides the strongest support for such a

collective consciousness.

genuine worth.

theory: maturity has further ripened his ability to evoke intensely English scenes through the clever use of a telling word or phrase, so that now social comment occurs where whimsicality previously reigned.

Nick Heyward

Dingwalls, NWI

This one-off London appear-ance, coming towards the end of a 14-date tour, found Heyof a 14-date tour, found Hey-ward deploying his grin far more sparingly than before and instead thrashing out those new songs (She's Another Girl, London, Carry On Loving, the recent modest hit The World) with relative hampered by the difficulties of persuading a listening public that a man first cherished for aggression. Visits to his back catalogue were few and far between: 1983's Blue Hat for a Blue Day was screely recognisable in its new, swag-gering incarnation, though the Haircuts' Fantastic Day from a year earlier still man-aged to project its original

charm. An obvious determination to carve out a new musical direction is to be applauded, however. If Albarn is still writing with Heyward's current energy in 15 years' time, he really will have something to smile about.

ALAN JACKSON

Vocal acrobat

AFTER Barbara Cook's tour de force last month, there was a danger that the rest of this winter's programme at the Cafe Royal woold seem a terrible anticlimax. Cleo

Laine's opening night laid those fears to rest. Though her singing does not exactly sweep you away in a storming torrent of emotion, she has lost none of her appetite for those

Cleo Laine Café Royal

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DESPTTE the unseemly scramble by the latest wave of groups to dissociate themselves from the now rather dog-eared Britpop tag, the bandwagon rolls metrily onwards. And if the Bluetones are not an example of a new British band playing fine pop music, then it is hard to think who is.

Four earnest young men from Hounslow who have already been declared the great pale hopes of 1996 on the basis of a handful of singles, they offer plenty of passion, though nothing in the way of innovation. Sticking primarily to a retro formula of guitars, drums and voices, their, debut album, Expecting To Fly, has a comfortingly familiar sound whichwill do nothing to hinder its potentially massive commercial appeal.

On songs such as Things Change and Time & Again, Adam Devlin's guitar-playing encompasses the chiming grace of Johnny Marr and the choppy aggression of Pete Townshend, while singer Mark Morriss plies his tales of romantie whimsy with a clean-cut voice. making a pleasing virtue out of his drawn-out, southern-English vowel sounds.

Disillusionment is a recurring, theme - "I'm not the same person I was a year ago/You cut me deeply and the scars still show" - but, typically, it is music that turns a owncast mood into something lifeaffirming and wholly uplifting.

The Bluetones' fondness for pop melody, and the care with which the songs are written and arranged.

grooves that have been polished to dull perfection. Uncle Michael sings with the boys on Why, an insipid, orchestrated ballad that addresses such big questions as "Why does Wednesday come after Tuesday?", and his involvement alone will guarantee that this album will be a

However, their instinctive tendency to play safe means that despite their obvious talent, the Ts sound as if they have been catapulted into an early middle age.

Same Oul' Town (Shamtown Records/

IMMUNE to the winds of change that constantly rake the pop landscape, the Saw Doctors continue to peddle their emerald brand of folk rock with stoic goodwill on their third album, Same Oul Town. Songs ranging from the jolly Macnas Parade to the lilting Clare Island are peppered with the usual Irish land-marks, while the romantic refrain of

Musically it is a rugged, if rather guileless formula - "like Bono in wellingtons", as guitarist and singer Leo Moran memorably said - but there is a simple truth at the heart of songs such as To Win Just Once and the recent hit, World Of Good, that makes them strangely impervious to

substantial hit.

THE SAW DOCTORS

Pinnacle SAWDOC 004) "Why don't we share the darkness nonight?" is greeted (if only in the sleeve notes) with the riposte "Guinness or Murphys?"





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> NEW ALBUMS: The Bluetones take to the sky, Michael Jackson's nephews don't.

Both will sell millions, says David Sinclair

THE BLUETONES Expecting To Fly (Superior Quality Recordings/A&M BLUE 004)

means that they stray, at times, a little too close to the bland. 'tunesmithery" of the Beautiful South. But on harder numbers, such as the ambitious Talking To Clarry : and Cut Some Rug (imagine the Stone Roses with a proper singer), there is a rare brilliance at work.

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1.1.1.1.1.1 (MJJ Music/Epie 481694) BROTHERS Taj (22). Taryll (20) and TJ Jackson (17) are the three Ts in 3T. Their Dad is Tito Jackson, formerly of the Jackson Five/Jacksons, which means that their uncle is none other than the King of Pop himself. Membership of a showbusiness dy-nasty undoubtedly has its advantages. Not only are the boys - none of whom looks a day over 15 -- signed to Michael Jackson's MJJ label, but he has also contributed a new song, Why, to their album, Brotherhood.

However, the intensity of the grooming process, which effectively began at hirth, and the burden of expectation which now rests on their slender shoulders is such that any spark of youthful innocence or spon-

criticism. As they put it themselves, "Life's too short for wasting/For ifs and might-have-beens," and Same Oul' Town is an album that demands to be sayoured on its own terms, unhindered by the its and buts of fashion, timing or taste.

STATUS QUO Don't Stop. (Polygram TV 531 035)

IF EVER there was an argument for forcing the compulsory retirement of rock bands this is it. To celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of a partnership. that was forged, appropriately, at a Butlin's holiday camp, Francis Rossi and Rick Parfitt have hit on the idea of putting a selection of other people's songs, some of them perfectly good to begin with, through the Status Quo grinder.

rhythm section, even the Move's rabble-rousing I Can Hear the Grass Grow and Robert Palmer's haunting Performed with a cavalier disregard for nuance and a deadening lack of conviction, the ominously Johnny and Mary wilt like delicate titled Don't Stop is a farrage of epic. proportions. Proud Mary, Get Back, blooms in the sun, while a collaboration with the Beach Boys on a Lucille, Sorrow, Raining in My Heart and of course, Fleetwood version of their surfing classie Fun Fun Fun is nothing short of tragic. Mac's presidential campaign song Don't stop? If only they would.



Little fluffy clouds: the Bluetones, great white hopes of 1996, head for the heights on their debut album

TOP TEN ALBUMS

`	(What's the Story) Morning Glory?	
	Jagged Little Pill	Alanis Morissette (Maverick)
	The Bends	
	Different Class	
;	Bizarre Fruit/Bizarre Fruit II	M People (Deconstruction)
	All Change	
	Deliverance	Baby D (Systematic)
	B.P.M. — the Very Best of	
	HiStory	Michael Jackson (Epic)
0	HiStory Robson & Jerome	

gravity-defying, high-wire du-ets with John Dankworth. On her album Solitude, released last year. Laine was matched with the Ellington Orchestra, now under the direction of Duke's son, Mercer. With Dankworth supplying most of the arrangements, the meeting went extremely well, particularly in the unearthing of a number of neglected tunes, including Reflections and the playful adaptation of Sonnet to Hank Cinq. a theme lifted from the Shakespearean collection Such Sweet Thunder.

It would take a miracle to

squeeze a hig band into the

corner of the Green Room,

and in any case the stripped-

down setting of the Dank-

worth quarter suits Laine even

better. Weaving her vocals

between her husband's saxo-

phones and clarinet and the filigree piano of John Horler.

she has ample space to function as the group's third

Reaching back to the prehis-

soloist

and Mike Bradley's train-like drum motifs. Given her range, Laine is the perfect choice to perform Creole Love Call, her tribute to Adelaide Hall, embellished in this reading by exceptional if rarely heard lyrics concocted by Lorraine Feather.

The evening sagged only in the extended medley dedicated to Vincent Youmans. There was nothing wrong with the songs themselves, but the fragmented, stop-go treatment served to underline Laine's occasional habit of treating lyrics as mere playthings. Then again her sly sense of mischief allowed her to extract the last ounce of satire from the glorious Peel Me a Grape. written by Dave Frishberg and popularised by Blossom Dearie. Frishberg's deft evocarion of ennui among the uplown socialites sounds even more timely in this age of the princess, the gym and the shopping expedition.

CLIVE DAVIS

Back to the great daze of variety

Don't Stop are just some of the old

chestnuts that get a roasting. Torpedoed by lacklustre vocals

and the Quo's notoriously arthritie

Caitlin Moran arm-wrestles with the hefty promise of Audioweb's eclectic sonic attack

teel that." An arm like a tree-trunk is extended across the table. Under the skin, muscles wriggle about like restless children under a duvet. It's certainly some arm. Most of us make do with a percentage of this arm. Parts of it appear to be in different time-zones.

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"And I don't do nothing," Martin, Audioweb's divinely gifted singer, giggles. "I don't pick up nothing heavier than a pint. It's God's joke: he gave me the voice of a girl and the body of a Gladiator."

Unfortunately, Martin cannot extend himself to describing Audioweb's music so succinctly. This is not surprising as Audioweb, like Heinz. come in 57 different varieties. Imagine Jah Wobble on bass, the Edge on guitar and this Jekyll and Hyde figure up front, alternating between the blissful purity of McAlmont at his most lovelorn and Shabba Ranks chatting away nineteen to the dozen.

Audioweb are a miracleshock when you see them live for the first time. There's a real feeling that you're wit-

nessing an Event that you can bore your children to death with in years to come. But the furrow Audioweb plough is a fraught one... "It is shocking how difficult it is getting press with a black guy in the band," Martin growls. "We were supposed to be getting a feature in one of the music magazines, but

they pulled it because they were doing Black Grape the same week, and they said that the readers would get confused if they had two hands with black members in the same issue. "

Martin's record collection reflects what seems like every trend over the past 20 years. "I started off on reggae, went into ska cos i liked the way it was stripped down, angular. not too much, yknow? A bit of a dabble." He giggles again. "And then I had me indie. A large part of my house is devoted to the Smiths. Sixties stuff ferson Airplane. And Paul Jones. He's a bit of a hero.

"But I can't stand much of That album should have been doing, and he said, 'Fve just



Audioweb, with Martin on the right - "the voice of a girl, the body of a Gladiator"

supports.

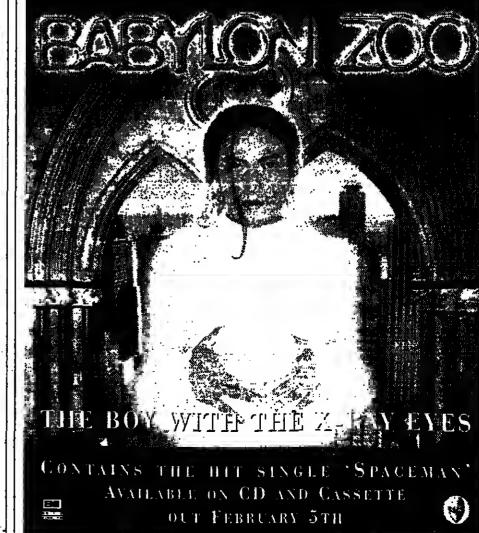
all sounds the same. I turn on the radio and 1 don't know ifit's the Stone Roses or the Bluetones." I think that's what Alan Bluetone was striving for.

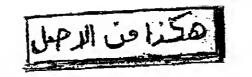
"All the Britpop stuff is rubbish," Martin bellows. "I know all their references, and they're not doing much with them. The only single in the past year and a half that made me sit up was Reverend Black Grape. Then I bought the album, and that was "They really wimped out.

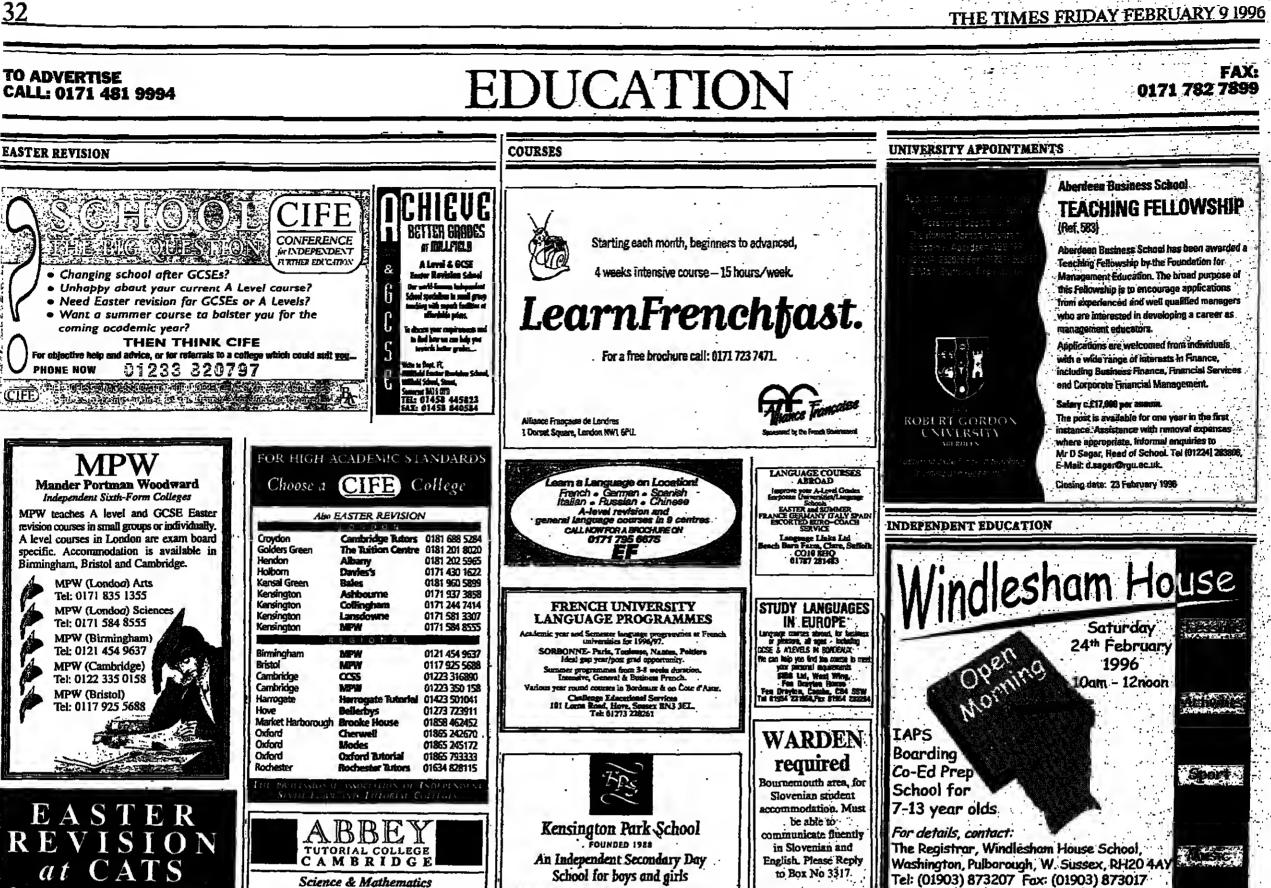
what's happening now - it a rhythmic punch in the face. found these trousers in the It was just this thing you street, and I'm taking them could tap your feet to. If you back to all the shops to see if 1 were really drunk." Having can get a refund. Pretend they dismissed most of his peers, were a present'." Martin turns to those he

Martin lets out a huge guffaw. "I started to get "Supergrass are brilliant," he says. "We did Jools Holworried - if Supergrass need to go around selling trousers land's New Year's Eve show after having a No1 album, with them, and they were it's going to take us years lovely. I saw Danny walking before we can afford to get a down the street a couple of round in. weeks ago, holding this pair With which he lifts his pint

of trousers. Hed just come and pumps those spectacular out of Top Shop and was muscles a little bit more. going into Marks & Spencer. • Audioweb's single. Yeah, is I asked him what he was released on Monday by Mother Records







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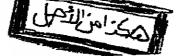
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EDUCATION Will the heads play Labour's tune?

Tony Evans looks at the strategic options for independent schools

> Whether the general election occurs this year or next, it is already clear that each political party sees education as a central issue in its manifesto. Indeed, it seems likely to play a more important role than in any election for more than 30 years and it is no surprise that parties now propose initiatives, such as "fasttracking", with greater frequency than coherence.

ly sensitive to this rash of conflicting proposals but it can no longer be assumed that such schools represent, as they did in the past, a safe Tory constituency. The past ten years have been characterised by a series of pragmatic, accretions in educational policy, rather than by structural consistency, and those committed to the values of independent schools may well consider all politicians' rhetoric with unprecedented scepticism in the months ahead.

In this they will not be alone, for they share many of the concerns of. governors, parents and staff in the maintained sector, Yet independent schools have specific preoccupations against which they will judge the plethora of political intentions. What might these preoccupa-tions be and how might independent schools react? It may seem a truism that independent schools value above all their independence, as do the parents of their pupils. At all costs that principle will be defended in at least five domains. First, there is resentment of increasingly intrusive bureaucracy. This has been appreciable and few heads would affirm that it has helped to improve standards. The



A music lesson at King Edward VI High School for Girls, Birmingham. Schools such as this will fight to retain their independence from political intrusion

independent school thrives only if its critical parent body approves of its, eithos and provision. It is therefore vital that heads and governors, have the freedom to develop their schools in ways which they believe help pupils to succeed. Intrusive bureaucracy crodes independence, as epitomised by the misguided format of the Department for Education's examination statistics, which distort and undervalue achievement, or the rigid requirements on registration, which give no credence to the local intelligence of responsible heads.

y if Secondly, independent schools sof will look hard at any threat of curricular erosion or dogmatism. Will a future Labour government to require independent schools to observe the national curriculum in ed. is every detail and at each key in stage? Will testing be imposed? Will the it modify, in the wake of the intrimminent Dearing proposals, or on Labour's plans, a national 14-19 er- provision in ways with which independent schools can be at case? over recent years independent schools have been vindicated in resisting inchoate or precipitous

curricular change: they mainly welcomed the principle of a national curriculum but gave warning against the complex folly with which it was implemented some five years ago.

The defence of separate sciences, of classics, of English literature, concern for standards in mathematics and modern languages, opposition to modish cross-curricular themes and reservations about elaborate testing have underlined the salutary vision of independent schools. They will not compromise their academic values and freedom. They would be unwise to barter such freedom against even assisted places, their third area of concern. The assisted places scheme, often accused of elitism, is in the social sense the exact opposite. Should a Labour government abolish the scheme or phase it out, as it is committed to do, most schools offering assisted places will remain comfortably viable. Some may choose to decrease in size but, ironically, social division will be increased, not reduced. That will sadden independent

r opportunity and access. Even at this stage they hope a Labour government would seek to draw strength from independent schools and devise an alternative scheme in partnership which reconciles their independence with a range of admissions across the social spectrum on the basis of need.

comfortably viable. Some may choose to decrease in size but, ironically, social division will be increased, not reduced. That will sadden independent schools, all of which seek to widen the steadily increasing number of places taken by local education authorities whose own schools cannot meet the full range of children's needs.

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Fourthly, independent schools will defend resolutely their charitable status. Schools have interpreted their charitable purposes generously through bursaries, support to local communities, to the young, underprivileged and disabled through provision of sporting, musical and theatrical facilities, teacher training courses and, not least, their provision of educated, disciplined citizens.

wo thirds of independent schools report the use of facilioes by community groups and nearly a quarter by maintained schools. Were charitable status removed, fees would rise but the effect, particularly in the urban day schools, would be to narrow the social base of the intake precisely where it should be enlarged. Educadon is a charitable activity per se. Why should a Labour government not extend charitable status to all schools?

A fifth area of concern lies with the independent inspection scheme. HMC and GSA have devised systems of inspection which are demanding and which seek to ensure that schools of the highest proven quality are further, and continuously, improved.

In this domain the Labour Party is wise to acknowledge the strengths of independent inspections accredited by Ofsted. Independent schools would not lightly surrender their stringent and appropriate system.

Independent schools are an integral part of education. They do not wish to be an enclave of privilege but to contribute to national prosperity. They seek co-operation not confrontation with government. In the five areas of concern outlined there is ample scope for respect, progress and positive partnership. • The author is Headmaster of Portsmouth Grammar School and chairman of the Headmasters' and Head-

mistresses Conference.

Susan Elkin finds that good primary schools exist outside Ofsted's roll of honour; Mary Ann Sieghart can't wait for the test results

Cecil Road, a highway to



When I heard that Gillian Shephard planned to introduce league tables of primary schools this anturna, my first reaction was one of fury. Not because 1 disapprove of rankings, or because 1 think

Bring on league tables now to end meaningless answer, such as "Somewhere in the middle" or "A bit of both". If I asked "Do you tend to agree or disagree with Chris Woodhead?", I would be told: "Some of his views I agree with, others I don't." If I asked whether they

used whole-class teaching or

phonics, they replied: "Good

understanding

ecil Road County Primary School is a huge former board school built in 1909 and tucked tightly into narrow, car-lioed backstreets in Gravesend, Kent. It is oversubscribed and of its 400 children about 40 per cent, predominantly Sikhs, are

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bilingual. Several things strike the visitor immediately. Plants in tubs bloom on the edges of the steps to the entrance. Posted on the door are several notices stressing partnership and parental involvement. Strains of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony are audible in the distance. Otherwise, it is very quiet. Beautiful examples of children's art hang everywhere. You begin to sense something special even before you K

thing special event before you see a pupil. As pairs of tiny children, all nearly uniformed, come to the secretary on errands or with messages, your first impression is confirmed.

The present school was formed in 1989 from the merger of three separate schools. The former junior, infant and nursery had only 200 children on roll between them. Andy Sparks, the head, says: "My motto is that you have to get the best out of what you've got. I believe in thinking positively. Take our cricket team. We haven't even got a pitch. We practise in the playground and our boys have just won a championship for the fourth consecutive year.

"And I don't complain about

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money." Mr Sparks adds. "I was an accountant before I came into education and I know how to get the best out of resources." Classes are impressively orderly. Every child I met was purposefully getting on with something. Two were having a violin lesson. Another group

was being taught music sitting on the floor around the teacher, the pupils concentrating intently.

A class of six-year-olds were all in their places working quietly. Even the nursery class was playing outside in an unusually disciplined and structured way. "I believe discipline is vital." Mr Sparks says. "Without it there is no learning environment."

Kamal Cox works with bilingual children to develop their English language skills. She also visits parents at home and provides an informal interpretation/translation service. "I have never heard anyone mention racial difference in this school except in a positive, celebratory way," Mrs Cox says.

T is for the management of nat its rich cultural diversity for that the school is most of l remarkable. There are two ways of approaching racial integration. You can either make a complicated and selfdefeating business of positive discrimination measures, or you can simply be natural and build real lasting equality --as Cecil Road does.

A lesson in tolerance the children of Cecil Road

Doreen Deakin, the grandmother of a pupil, says: "In this school everyone is welcome and everyone is important. The school is part of the community and the community is part of the school. It has changed local attitudes to racial diversity." Mrs Deakin believes the school "doesn't receive the accolades it deserves for what it does". Earlier this year the school was nominated for a national Citizenship Award

f national Citizenship Award for Celebrating Diversity. Out of 170 schools, Cecil Road was shortlisted to the last three. along with a Yorkshire grammar school and a Manchester high school. As joint runnerup Cecil Road knew that it was r effectively the top primary school in the country. Mr Sparks and one of his

staff went last summer to well

Manchester to receive the award. He believes it was a fitting end to his first five years at Cecil Road.

It is encouraging in these days when we are told so often of racial "incidents" and tensions to hear Mrs Deakin say: "The children celebrate Christmas, Easter, Divali, Chinese new year and Jewish festivals." schools. Add in a couple of its neighbours, and the potential choice rises to 90. So what could be simpler? I could call just three local education authorities and ask them to send me a list of test

They are taught to understand each other's cultures. "There is an obvious partnership between children, parents, headmaster, teachers, i parents, governors and the local community."

Laura Joyce, nine, has the last word: "The really good thing about this school is that we've got all sorts of different people. There are Irish, English, and lots from other countries and they all get on well together."

tankings, or because I think they tell me nothing, but because they come a critical few months too late. My elder daughter starts

school this September. What I would give to be able to see, now, a league table of II-yearold test results for all the schools in my London borough and its neighbours. As a journalist, I am professionally trained to conduct research. But never have I spent so much time researching a subject to so little avail.

classes. But it is a hig prob-How are parents to deterlem. The only ones I managed to contact, through friends of friends of friends, had sent mine whether a primary school is suitable for their child? In rural areas, the their children to the schools in answer is simple: all the local question before the current head teacher had taken over. parents send their children to the same school and word of None could tell me what the mouth will suffice. In big new regimes were like. So my husband and I cities, however, the choice is huge and the task corresponddetermined to find out for ingly much harder. In my borough, Hammersmith and ourselves. We had narrowed the choice down to three schools, but in a fairly haphaz-Fulham, there are 25 primary

neighbours, and the potential choice rises to 90. t one school, we had A the opportunity of a full interview with the So what could be simpler?] could call just three local education authorities and ask headmaster, in which he pathem to send me a list of test oently answered a myriad of results for the schools in their questions. In another, the area. But no, I was told, they headmistress could be colwere not allowed to do so. How about a batch of inspeclared only during a parents' tour, as she showed us and ten tion reports? No, they have to other prospective parents be elicited from each individaround. At the third, we had a ual school. And even then, brief chat with the headmassome schools are reluctant to put them in the post. Ofsted, ter in the company of many other parents before two meanwhile, has inspected children showed us round.

hardly any of them. So then I tried ringing a couple of the better secondary schools in the area to ask which feeder schools they which feeder schools they

school lottery

could recommend. Apparently nothing could be more invidious than to pass judgment on individual schools. Each time, from cach expert, I was told: ask other parents. The trouble is, most of the parents I know send their children to private schools.

This is, perhaps, a problem pecubar to the London middle

ard, hearsay-dependent way.

elicit a sensible response. I tried non-leading questions, such as "Where would you place your school on the spectrum between traditional and progressive teaching methods?" I usually received a

teaching requires a mix of different methods." All true, but not exactly informative. Never have I had to take such an important decision on the basis of so little information. The choice we make will affect the schooling not just of our elder daughter but of her younger sister too, who will follow her a year later. Is this really what the Government

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We should take the inspectors' word for it if they find that

Throughout the 1990s. Chief Inspectors of Schools have reported that one lesson in three was badly taught in English schools. Tony Blair even used the statistic (wrongly) when he launched Labour's latest education policy.

This year, the figure was mysteriously absent from the Chris Woodhead's annual report. Instead, we were told that half of primary schools and two fifths of secondaries needed is improve.

Why the change of measure? Presumably because the proportion of poor lessons is now 20 per cent, an apparent improvement at a time when concern over standards has seldom been higher.

The biggest change is in the four years of Key Stage 2, from seven to 11. by common consent the area of the curriculum that arouses greatest

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standards are slipping, not rely on figures, says John O'Leary concern. Last year 30 per cent of result which is likely to be repeated size of the sample. Now that

lessons were unsatisfactory; this year it is down to 21 per cent. Unless there has been dramatic

improvement which Mr Woodhead is ignoring, the only possible explanations are that earlier estimates were exaggerated, or Ofsted inspectors are more easily satisfied than Her Majesty's Inspectorate.

Last month's test results hardly support the improvement theory, but even they have their critics. Education officers in Hampshire have discovered that up to 1,000 kowachievers, who took easier tests as well as those for pupils of higher. ability, have been counted twice. The

result, which is likely to be repeated size of nationally, is that mathematics and inspect science scores for the county were is in funderestimated by 2 per cent.

The science results already stood out: while fewer than half of II-yearolds reached their expected level in English and mathematics, in science, the subject said to pose most problems for primary teachers, the "pass rate" was 70 per cent. The obvious conclusion is that if all the tests had been set at the same standard as science we would have been celebrating a success story, not criticising primary schools.

er Ofsted's explanation for the apparne ent improvement at Key Stage 2 is the

size of the sample. Now that the inspection cycle for primary schools is in full swing, data from more than 1,000 reports was available, com-

pared with only 80 last year. But, in that case, was it a responsible use of statistics to pass judgment previously on an entire age group on the basis of so few inspections? And how small was the sample in previous years?

The demand for statistics is now such that perfectly valid judgments are taken seriously only if they have a figure attached. Mr Woodhead is in an unrivalled position to tell whether standards are satisfactory in English schools. His verdict must be taken

meet? How do schools know which half they are in? The dominance of statistics has obvious dangers, well illustrated by the counter-intuitive measures Mr Woodhead chose to omit from this week's report. Once they give the

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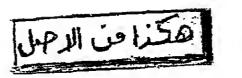
woodnead chose to omit from this week's report. Once they give the wrong message, the only option is to find another statistic. The annual charade over GCSE and A-level results is another exam-

and A-level results is another example, when failing pass rates are taken to mean failure but improvement automatically means lower examination standards.

Judging educational performance is notoriously difficult and often subjective. Perhaps we should accept that and take inspectors' word for it if they find that standards are slipping.

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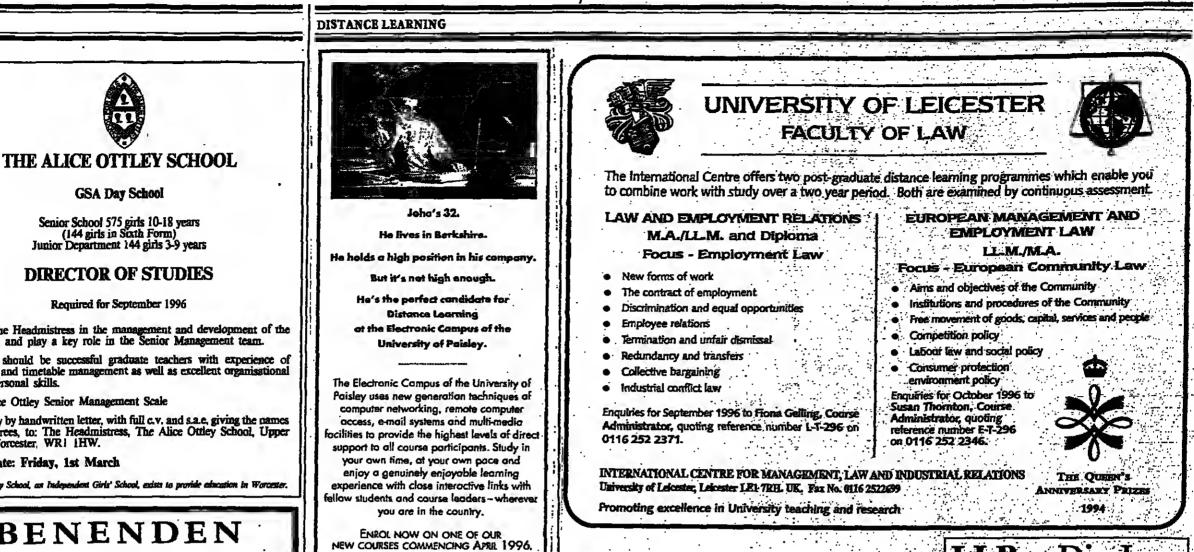
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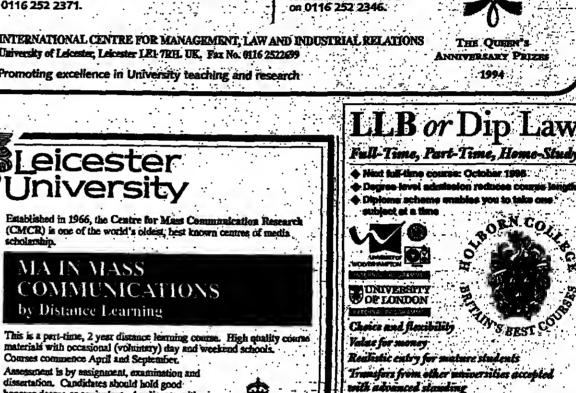


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THE TIMES FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9 1996

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 THE Irish jockey Norman Williamson proved his fitness to ride Master Oats in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown on Sunday when finishing unplaced here yesterday in his first ride back after breaking a leg four months ago.

After passing a Turf Club medical examination Williamson made his comeback on Alice Freyne in a 2¹2-mile maiden hurdle and, although the Mouse Morris-trained mare could finish only thirteenth of the 19 runners, Williamson was delighted with his fitness.

That was great. I'm very happy with the ride and I was fitter than I thought I would be," Williamson said.

Kim Bailey, the trainer of Master Oats, and Williamson, were under no illusions about the importance of yesterday's

However, Williamson's comeback satisfied Bailey.

- HOMER AND SE Nap: UPPER ST CLAIR

(3.10 Southwell) Next best: Bit Of Bother (3.40 Southwell)

watching on the SIS service at his Lambourn base yesterday. "I struggled to see him back there among the also-rans. But I just wanted to see him back on the track and he will ride Master Oats on Sunday. He will also get the opportunity to sit on the horse, either tomorrow or .Saturday. It's good to have him back,"

Bailey added. The County Cork-born rider has been out since breaking his right femur in a fall from Joe White at Sedgefield in October, but the frustration of the healing: process ended yesterday. The Turf Club medical of-

ficer, Dr Walter Halley, who examined Williamson, said: Tm happy with Norman He will take it easier than usual for a couple of days, but he is

okay.' His intended comeback ride, Lucky Bust, was a nonrunner, but he was fortunate enough to pick up the spare' ride on Alice Freyne. He had no reason to be inspections today.

Alice Freyne, always towards was called off, but there will Prosp



· Williamson is looking forward to being reunited with Master Oats on Sunday Williamson said: That was Williamson is waiting on to switch to Navan, where the

exactly what I needed. The the weather for more match mare was never travelling that practice. He is due to ride well so I was always pushing her along. I feel a lot better for having had a ride like that Eskimo Nel for trainer John Spearing in the £100,000-added Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury tomorrow. rather than on one that was taking a pull on me all the way However, if the Berkshire

to the last." fixture is cancelled, he intends Thaw offers hope for weekend fixtures

EROSPECTS of a return to are promising: The going is turf racing tomorrow have good at the moment, with no improved markedly. There frost in the ground, but there are no reported problems at is still some snow on the back Ayr, while the other three straight. Rain is forecast for Vational Hunt fixtures hold tomorrow so we hope this will clear away any remaining

prospects are brighter. He has been offered several mounts, including another Morristrained hopeful, What A Question, in the Boyne Hurdle.

"I was taking things slow and easy today with one ride, but I will have a couple more on Saturday and, hopefully, everything will be fine for the ride on Master Oats at Leopardstown on Sunday," he said.

Williamsoo also reported that Master Oats, who has stayed in Ireland since last Sunday's Hennessy postponement, is in good form. The Gold Cup winner has been stabled at Mick O'Toole's yard on the Curragh this week.

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Leopardstown reports no problems at the moment for anxious about his return as Today's Newbury fixture snow." problems at the moment for Alice Freyne, always towards was called off, but there will Prospects at Uttoxeter Sunday's rescheduled card, the rear of the field, put in an be an inspection at 1pm to hinge on an 8am inspection. The track is raceable, but the uneventful display around a determine the fate of tomor while officials at Catterick forecast is for heavy rain and strong winds so the threat may turn out to be waterlogging rather than frost.

SOUTHWELL GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD 103 (12) 0-0432 (6500 TIMES 74 (CD.9F.F.G.S) (Mr. 0 Rohmson) 2 (50) 9-10-0 - 8 (Kest (4) THUNDERER Racecard number Draw m brachets. So-Rigue form (F - tell P - pulled up U -- unscaled nder. B -- brought down S -- slipped up. R --related D -- broughtfed) Hossi's came Days 2.10 Golden Pound 3.40 Bit Of Bother 2.40 Pharty Dancer 4.10 THE WAD (nap) 3.10 Upper Mount Clair 4.40 PC's Cruise The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 GOLDEN POUND. 4.10 PEACOCK SOUTHWELL SELLING STAKES SERIES Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Anastina. 2.40 Stevia's Wonder. 3.10 UPPER MOUNT CLAIR (nap). (Qualifier: 3-Y-0: £2,398: 7f) (7 runners) Solution Control of the formatory Control of the formatory A McGione 501 (3) 0126-31 DRAGONJOY 14 (8) CDLG) (7 Sama) J Payner 9-3 A McGione 502 (1) 045-444 FOREMAN 7 (6) (Times of Wegan) W (7 Somman 9-3 Entrois 0 "Somman" 503 (5) 0000-63 DOWN THE VARID 14 (6) (6 Wintong) M Chapman 6-12 C Manufay (7) 504 (4) 644-05 LOCH STYLE 14 Li Wilcov) H Matersberg 6-11 Flagman 7 505 (5) D0454-44 MOMCHISSER 11 Matersberg 6-11 M Wiggam 505 (5) D0454-44 MOMCHISSER 11 Matersberg 6-11 M Wiggam 505 (5) D0454-44 MOMCHISSER 11 Matersberg 6-11 M Wiggam 506 (2) 206-540 THE WAD 16 (5/ Kelly) D tatchol's 6-11 J Weaver J Weaver 507 (7) 6 EFLACEUA 14 / Miles J Chapman 0 Chapman 8-6 A Cultable GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS 2.10 FLYING BRAGON MANDEN STAKES (£3,680: 7/) (12 runners) SETTING: 9-4 Drapoyoy 2-1 Forenzo, 4-1 Kooncasse, 5-1 The Wad, 7-1 Loch Style 10-1 Down The familiant 25-1 Balances. 1995: JOYRUL TOKES 7-13 Amanda Sanders (20-1) Mrs N Marauley 13 rat DRACONLOV beal Weich Melady 21 in 10-numer seller over course and declance (AM) with DONN THE VARD 51 Srd and LOCH STYLE TAL 5th FRHEMAN shaul 3VI AH of 7 to Sealargo bestow in handicap here (AW) 6it LOCH STYLE best accent effort when 24 Ab of 13 in Moximy Zaniy in seller at Worksmann (AW), find Selectance LAW, find 1995: TWAN CREEKS 4-9-10 R Cochrane (16-1) M Hammond 13 ran FORM FOCUS SEFTERCK 151 78: of 11 to Comvice Score in maiden at Langleid (404, 79; SOUDER) POLSED 51 20d of 11 to Secret Sprag in marken at Langleid (48). This MAYSTERA 2514 580 of 11 to Farm Secret in marken marken auction over course and distance (AM) AMSTERA 251 bits of 12 bits of the Sprage Carbon in marken at Nessmarker (1m 21, good to Servi, ESEW MARS) Selection: GOLDEN POLISE 2.40 SEA GOAT CLAIMING STAKES (\$2.398: 1m 41) (8 (unners) 201 (5) 1040024 BALLYNAG 21 (5) 1/2 Passons 1 Febries 5-1 Febries 5-1 A Culture 89 201 (5) 100024 BALLYNAG 21 (5) 1/2 Passons 1 Febries 5-1 A Culture 89 202 (7) 10023-5 PHNRLY DANDER 23 (CD.SF.S.) (A Manucci W Haigh 7-9-11 Data Siteson 89 203 (1) 4421-00 PISTOLS AT DAWN 28 (D.F.G.S) (5 Housed-Specify B Metham 5-9-11 Contanase 82 204 (9) 640056 HEATHYARDS RICK 27/1 (5) Mongrui O Halmshead 4-9-1 Thece 98 205 (4) 540148 Mongrui O Halmshead 4-9-3 Thece 98 205 205 (4) 31-0 MAADATA 23 (G) (2 Helinchead) B Holtmischead 4-9-3 M Wigham 49 207 (2) 07240-1 Stever's Womble 16 (V.C.D.S.) (M Hom) M Hym 6-9-3 M Baid (5) 80 208 (6) 45 BESCABY 10 (B Lander) 13 Hater 5-5-5 S 0 Williams 75 5 208 (6) 45 BESCABY 10 (B Lander) 13 Hater 5-10 Foto 14 Dam 14 1 Minatata </tabu/> BETTING: 6-4 Stevels's Wonder, 2-1 Planky Dancer, 3-1 Heathgards Rock, 6-1 Pistols Al Dawn, 14-1 Moradata, 16-1 Ballyage, 20-1 plans. 1995: XILLING TILLE 4-8-12 M Fenton (Eners Jan Mrs N Macadey 7 ran handica KOMI/ FORM FOCUS and dist VI 3rd Robellin penutitm PC'S CI BALLYFRAG about 107 40h of 9 to Store Gerselle in selier here (AW, im Sh PHARLY DANCCR 194) 3rd of 8 to Did Provence in clamere al Wohverhempton (AW, 7m, MLRADATA bed in 20h, PSTOLS AT DAWN best excent effort, beat Rossitio 14 to 11-context another orders handlean Molection 16 to 11-2 to River Selection: STEVIE'S WONDER 3.10 MILKY WAY HANDICAP (\$2,398; 2m) (12 runners) Going: standard Going: standard 1.50 (1m 4f) 1, SEATTLE SAGA (D R McCabe, 10-11 fav); 2, Mister Aspecto (T Williams, 4-1), 3, Burnt Offening (M Lareen, 11-4), ALSO RAN-10 Descores (Str), 25 Cultural Icon, 33 Royal P(m) (4th), Tamandu (6th) 7 min 11, 61, 354, 141, 51 0 Looder at Newmarket, Taile 21, 50; 21 10, 51 70 DF-24 00 CSF (5 22, 20 CSF (5 22, 1995; WHO'S THE BEST 5-7-6 N Variey (5-1) A Janus 15 am . FORM FOCUS JALCANTO 1341 4th of 12 to Mr Generatiopy to bandiesp at Bipon (2m, pool to limi) on penultimate stat. MR MORARTY bandiesp at Bipon (2m, pool to limi) on penultimate stat. MR MORARTY bed Modest Hope 2141 to 11-numer handlesp here funder and the state of the Badam in handlesp over comes and distance (AW). CLAOUE bed Mingavie 1141 in 10-numer handlesp at funder (AW, Int 50, ROMALTO about 51 5h 01 14 to Encyctal Roy in handlesp at Bata (2m 11

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From Mr Steve Corbett

Later changes

From Mr P. B. Coleman

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2220. CSF. E6 60. 3.20 (S) 1. THE INSTITUTE BOY (J. Weaver, 7-11; 2. Awasha (L. Dotton, 5-2 fav); 3. Halbert (J) R. McCaba, 9-21, ALSO RAN; 11-4 Tency (Sth), 10 Checky (Chappy, 12 Deamera (Ath), Destan Dynussy, 16 Rocky Two, 33 Cector Girl (Sth), Superior 10 ran Sh Ind, 21, 4-1, sh Ind, 34 Mass J Craze at York, Tole, E7 70, 51.70, 51.70, 51.70, 51.10 DF 2000, Thio, E12 50 CSF: 52455 Theast:

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Loder, was full of praise for McCabe, saying: "I hope David will be champion ap-prentice this season." McCabe has now had eight rides this year, four of which have won. Lo Stregone has been backed down to 16-1 jointfavourite for the Martell

RACING/SPORT

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uneventful display around a track where Williamson had his first racecourse winner, on Jack And Jill in 1988.

row's Tote Gold Trophy card. Richard Pridham, the clerk of the course, said: "Prospects tion at lpm.

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BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

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BETTING: 7-4 B4 CH Bather, 8-4 First Maile, 7-2 Agent, 9-2 Elepointe, 50-1 Cocron.

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FORM FOCUS

3.50 (1m) 1. BLUE FLYER (W Woods, 14-1); 2. Double-O-Seven (J Weaver, 74-1); 2. Double-O-Seven (J. Weever, 16-1); 3. Mekdorf (L. Denou, 1-3 fav) ALSO RAN: 11-2 Banchal (4th), 10 Accountancy

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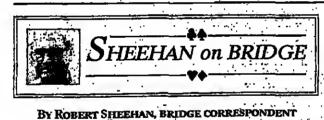
Grand National on March 30 William Hill and Ladbrokes have reported strong support for Tom Tate's charge.

in January, when the third round of the FA Cup is traditionally played. Thus the timing of a winter break would have to be limited to wid Daramber until Chieft

mid-December until Christ-

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This refresher is again on the theme of elimination.



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Contract: Six Hearts by South

on the North-South cards, although it is difficult to construct a research Six Hearts is a good contract construct a reasonable se-quence for getting there. After winning the club lead in hand, declarer lays down the ace of المحمد hearts. When the king does not fall, what should he do? The point of the hand is that it is not necessary to try the spade finesse immediately. Declarer continues by playing a club to the king and ruffing a club, then plays king, ace and a diamond ruff. That has eliminated all the minor suit cards: now, South plays a second round of hearts. If East has the heart king. he will play a spade and declarer has to finesse; but, if West has the king of hearts (as here). either he has to lead a spade or concede a ruff and Fourteen readers replied on discard. the topic of whether to use

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By Philip Howard

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the English game. The game is now professional and, if it is to remain gentlemanly, then it must be played and judged professionally. The professional foul must not be allowed to develop.

The game against Wales had, at least, the right result, but the English were criticised for their playing style. But how can any side play to the best of its ability when the opposition is persistently and cynically breaking the law? The penalty count alone (21-9) illustrates the point, but watch the match again: persistent offside, hands in the ruck, tackling off the ball, obstruction, interference in the air. The referee tried to play advantage, but many times play was brought back because no

Sir, Is rugby union a science or an art? Are coaches stifling flair? These thoughts came to me while watching the England v Wales match. Two aspects of modern play partic-ularly baffle me. Why is it trendy for the backs to lie so lat in attack and why does the No 8 think it so worthwhile holding the ball at his feet when scrummaging in the middle of the field?

Are we being taken in by the "techno babble" coming from the coaches and pundits? The two ploys do not seem very effective to me. The commentators seem equally baffled.

Rugby should be about flow and speed to stretch the opposition until they run out of defenders. Play the game

idvantage accrued or there was another infringement. If the new professional game is to maintain rugby's raditions and not devolve into trade-off of professional ouls, let us see laws introuced which will really penalse offenders and stimulate the open game. In addition to the kick now awarded, give one point against the offending side for a penalty offence committed in its half (where it is possible to gain the addi-tional three points) and give two points if in the opposition half (where the additional points are far less likely).

One can only speculate how the game might have turned out if this scoring system had been in place on Saturday, but it must be assumed that Wales would not have conceded 21 penalties. At least then the score would have depended more on the ability to play expansive rugby (difficult) rather than stifle it (easy).

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Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Ineffective ploys

From Mr Ken Cookes

Yours etc.,

Sir. I can only disagree with recent suggestions of the need for a midwinter break in football. One major problem is the lack of a regular pattern of bad weather in this country, making the timing of a break difficult to predict. If too much football is being played, the simple suggestion is to reduce the number of allowing players a greater period of rest. The Premier-ship should be reduced from 20 to 18 clubs, eliminating four league games at a stroke.

SPORTS LETTERS

certainly in terms of crowd numbers, and this is closely followed by the first weekend

Yours sincerely.

Sir, Mr Burdett (Sports Let-ters, February 2) blames the introduction of comprehensive backlines tend to produce leteral rather than forward education in the Sixties for the decline in British cricket. I was at school in the Sixties and

movement and receivers of the ball are frequently almost began teaching in the Seven-ties. I did not discern any standing still rather than run-ning forward at full speed. We used to run on to passes that change in teachers' attitudes to extra-curricular activities durwere thrown at least a yard in ing this time and I witnessed front of us. The surge onto the my colleagues putting in ball was thrilling and irresistmany hours of extra coaching ible. Lying flat was purely a at the comprehensive school in defensive measure. which I worked.

There were also only two reasons for the back row to non-specialist staff (I am still a hold on to a scrummage ball: to create a pushover try or to orts of PE staff) came in the catch the opposition backs Eighties with the imposition of offside. Pickups by the No 8 an open-ended contract for are so ponderous and anticiteachers followed by the mispated that they frequently come to nothing. What's management of the introduction of the national curricwrong with a lightning chanulum. We all know which nel one ball spun out along the party was in power at the time. steeply raked backs?

The suggestion is that play-ers would be rested in this period, but this is unlikely to happen. Players will need to matches for each club, thus keep fit, so training would still take place, while the requirement for match-fitness means that some sort of fixtures would be played. This move would also fall An unlikely scenario? You into line with Uefa's thinking, where the top division in each have only to look to Germany to see what happens. Their midwinter break saw the natnational league should contain a maximum of 18 clubs. ional team travel to South Boxing Day is probably one Africa for an international of the biggest days for football,

its weather.

match before Christmas and Jürgen Klinsmann suffered a knee injury in Bayern Mu-nich's friendly in Italy. Clubs would see this winter break as a way of keeping players match fit by playing

lucrative games abroad, ne-gating the supposed rest period.

If there is a need to give players a rest, reducing the size of the Premiership, and a possible revision of the Coca-Cola Cup to single leg match-es, should give everyone the extra time for training and recovery from injuries without a serious break in our season.

Yours etc., STEVE CORBETT, | Chelsea Court, 54 Mulgrave Road, Sunon, Surrey.

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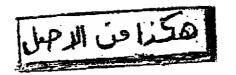
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where the others ain , as the Americans would say. Flat

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Yours sincerely.



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Crystal Palace keep Lewington **Bassett leaps back** on managerial merry-go-round

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

DAVE BASSETT gladly accepted one of the most precarious jobs in football -- the managership of Crystal Palace - yesterday. He thus renews his acquaintance with Ron Noades, the Palace chairman, whose vigorous, handson approach has so often led to conflict with employees.

Bassett, 51, first laid out his ground rules before agreeing 212-year contract at the Endsleigh Insurance League first division club. "I'm no puppet for anyone." he said. Ron is an outspoken chairman and I'm sure we will have our disagreements, but I said to him that, if he wants me to manage the club, he should let me get one with it. I wouldn't be here if I thought I wouldn't be allowed to do the job."

Steve Coppell, the technical director, and Ray Lewington and Peter Nicholas, the first-

Cold weather wreaks havoc with FA Cup

BY PETER BALL

could

played.

THE snow may have been disappearing in many areas across the coontry yesterday, but it has already taken a beavy toll on the FA Cup. At ed before February 18, at the earliest. If Shrewsbury Town the moment, next Saturday, the official date for the fifth round, is sure of only one tie; at most, it will have three out . of the six scheduled.

On Monday, five days before the start of the fifth round, we will still be without one conclusive tie." Steve Double, the Football Association press officer, said yesterday. "We really need the games at Swindon and Ipsday. wich on Mooday and Tues-day to be finished at the first attempt." The winners then would have home ties on February 17, joining Huddersfield Town, who will entertain Middlesbrough or Wimbledon on that day in the one tie that is on.

Lewington, however, still felt miffed. "I do feel a bit sleighted by this." he said. "I was picking the team, but I did have a few ups and downs with Ron. I wanted the final decision on the team and tactics, but he didn't feel that was the way to go. Peter and myself have got nothing to be ashamed of. We can hold our heads high and we've just got to get on with it." Bassett has masterminded six promotion-winning cam-paigns with Wimbledon, where he first worked with

on Tuesday and the batch of

draws on Wednesday evening mean that the fourth round

will certainly not be complet-

and Liverpool draw on that day, it would stretch until

February 28, leaving the pos-

sibility that the fifth round

March 16, a week after the sixth round is due to be

Snow is not the only cause

of disruption. The greater notice that police require and

their increased input into the

choice of dates are also signifi-

cant. Yesterday, for example, Leeds United were unhappy

at the West Yorkshire Police's

decision to demand a noon

kick-off for the second leg of

their Coca-Cola Cup semi-

final against Birmingham

even extend until

Noades, and Sheffield United. He also holds the Football League record for the briefest managerial tenure - three days - when he joined Palace in 1984 before changing his mind and returning to Wimbledon. "I was a bit younger then and it seemed a good idea at the time," he said. "I soon

> decision." With Lewington falling out with Noades in public over team selection policy and Bassett still available after leaving Sheffield United by mutual consent in December, a change in Pal-ace's backroom staff was always likely. That it involved an addition, rather than a replacement, was the only

realised I made the wrong

surprise. More strange was a lengthy statement issued by the club, that continually stressed its commitment to "playing good football". Bassett, throughout his 16-year managerial career. has usually been associated with the up-and-at-'em, long-ball version of the beautiful

"I'm very conscious of being typecast like that; it sometimes irks me and irritates me," he said. "Football fashions and trends change and of course 1 would like to play eye-catching stuff, but you have to play in a style that best suits the players you've got. At the end of the day, it's all about winning. It's no good playing attractive football and then getting relegated, is it?"

Lewington will select side for the last time tomor-





Howe points the way forward for the England women's football team at a training session in Slough

Howe to lift women's spirits coordinator, hopes will also Andrew Longmore watches on Howe tried to slip

away from a vigorto be hauled back by that playground cry, "Hey, you're on our side". Poor Don. A

the England management: bridge football's gender gap ootion of the most senior by a more down-to-earth five-

include schoolboy, under 19 and under 21 teams. England FC, as he terms it. Encourag-ing girls to play football is all part of the widespread brief. "If this team is successful,

Howe's input was wel-

comed by Ted Copeland, the

England team manager, who

led the side to the quarter-finals of the World Cup in

Sweden last summer. "When

Don comes down, they feel, 'Hey, this is the big time'," he

said. "It really makes the players think that people at

the highest level of the game

are taking an interest. I think

Don has been pleasantly sur-prised by what he's seen, too.". Indeed he had, "I've had good vibes." Howe said. Only

the gender trap kept catching

him out. Man on, watch your.

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Syed has double Olympic setback MATTHEW. SYED. En-gland's table tennis No I, suf-

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fered another unlucky blow to his chances of getting to Atlanta in July when Chen Xinhua, his men's doubles pariner, withdrew yesterday from the Olympic qualifying competition in Nantes tomorrow, citing club commitments (Richard Eaton writes).

Because Syed just failed to come through the Olympic singles qualifying competition at Manchester three weeks ago, he is experiencing misfor-time in duplicate. Olympic doubles rules require at least one partner to have qualified in singles, and although Chen has done so by virtue of a high world ranking - 19 - Syed has to wait and see whether he gets a wild card for finishing as singles first reserve. That will be too late for him to go to

Lewis booked

Boxing: Lennox Lewis, no longer the Nol challenger to Frank Bruno, the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, could meet Ray Mercer at Madison Square Garden, New York, in May. We don't have a solid deal, We don't have a solid deal, but we're working on it for May 10," Lou DiBella, the senior vice-president of HBO, the American cable television channel, said yesterday. If the Lewis-Mercer bout is confirmed, Evander, Holyfield and Tim Witherspoon, the former changing could

former champions, could appear in separate contests on the same bill.

Norman adrift

Golf: Greg Norman, the world No I, who is controversially being paid appearance money in the Ford Open championiship in Adelaide, lay seven shots off the pace after shooting a 74, two over par, in the first round yesterday. Glenn Joyner and Bradley Hughes, Norman's Australian compatriots, shared the lead with 67s.

Holders happy

Hockey: Old Loughtonians are hoping to retain their national indoor title at Crystal Palace tonight, with Julian



Bassett: ground rules

team coaches, will continue at Selhurst Park. "I was keen that there should be no casualties when I came here," Bassett said. "Although I have some sympathy for Ray and Peter over what has hap-pened, they have been doing good jobs and I'm sure they'll carry on doing so."

City on February 25. which could cost both clubs £100,000 However, even if Swindon Town or Oldham Athlelic, in televisioo fees if ITV is lpswich Town or Walsall unable to show the match. come through at the first originally to be played at 4pm. attempt, the postponements at the new time.

RESCHEDULED FACUP TIES

Monday, Feb 12 Fourth round: Swindon Town v Oldham Athletic (7.45) Replay (it required): Sat Feb 17 (3.0). Tuesday, Feb 13 Fourth round: Ipswich v Walsali (7 45). Replay (1 required). Sat Feb 17 (3.0). Fourth round replays: Crewe Alexandra v Southampton (7 30); Oxford United v Nottingham Forest (7.45), Wimbledor Middlesbrough (7.45). Wednesday, Feb 14 Fourth round: Bolton v Leeds (7 45) Replay (il required): Wed Feb 21 (7 45) Fourth round replays: Grmsby Town v West Ham United (7.45), Manchester Otly v Coventry City (7.45), Port Vale v Eventon (7.45) Saturday Feb 18 Fifth round: Ipswich Town or Walsell v

Aston Villa (3.0); Swindon Town or Oldham Athletic v Southampton or Crewe (3.0); Hudderstield Town v Middlesbrough or Wimbledon (3.0). Sunday, Feb 18 Fourth round: Shrewsbury Town V Liverpool (11.0). Replay (in required): Wed Feb 28 (7.30). Fifth round: Manchester United V Coventry or Manchester City (4.0) Monday Feb 19 Fifth round: Nottingham Forest or Oxford United v Totlenham (80). Wednesday, Feb 21 FiRh round: Bolton or Leeds United v Eventon or Port Vale (7 45), West Harn or Grmsby Town v Chetsea (7.45). Wednesday, Feb 28 Fifth round: Shrewsbury Town or Liverpool v Charlton Adhietic need is a bit of fine tuning."

row, when Palace play at home to Sheffield United, before Bassett takes control, He was twice interviewed for the vacant Ireland job. but, after hearing nothing except that Mick McCarthy had been appointed, he pursued other options. McCarthy's successor at Millwall was confirmed yesterday as Jimmy Nicholl, the Raith Rovers manager. Nicholl, 38, the former Northern Ireland and Manchester Uniled defender, will take with him Martin Harvey, his assistant, at Stark's Park. "I'm going to a new club and, within four months, we could be in the Premiership." Nicholl said. "Normally when you take over, the club is in a

tionship that arises be-

tween a player and his

pell-mell game of indoor foot-ball had not been on the agenda until snow thwarted coach in the land investing his time with a bunch of girls his hopes for a quiet morning would have been suitable in the sunshine at Bisham cause for dismissal, but the Abbey. Now, here he was, mixing it with the best in the Football Association runs the land at the Montem Lane women's game now and is Leisure Centre in Slough anxious to show that it means business. Howe's presence in

Not even such mundane surroundings could eradicate the minor moment in the history of women's football that came with the balding head and distinctive tones. Not quite El Tel, but the next best thing - The Don, so universally respected within the game, be never gets the England job, he just comes with it. A name, anyway, to lift the spirits of the England women's team before their European championship qualifying tie with Portugal in Benavente, near bit of a mess, but all Millwall Lisbon, on Sunday.

that a really big name is taking an interest in us. Everyone was sitting there. listening to every word." An hour with the video and

images of Gullit, Van Basten Not that long ago, the very and AC Milan was followed

a side. Time only for imparting general principles, not particular tactics.

"I just wanted them to ask questions about what they were seeing." Howe said. "What shape was the defence? What was the midfield doing? I wanted them to see how a team like Milan presses, not as individuals but as ateam, and to look at it as professionals, not just out of enjoyment.

They knew what was going on, they've been well coached, but, if I can help them out just by being bere. that's fine. People might say, 'If Don's there, it can't be a sissies' game'."

More important for the players was that unaccustomed feeling of recognition, of being part of the club that Howe, the England coaching more girls will be asking to play." Howe said. "They could do with a bit of Halls and Nick Thompson to publicity. At the moment, guide their fortunes. they're paying for all this

Tough battle

Rackets: Neil Smith, the British professional champion. lived dangerously against David. Makey, the unseeded Tonbridge professional, be-fore reaching the semi-final of the Lacoste British Open championship in five games. He will play Willie Boone.

Tanner in squad

Cycling: John Tanner, the winner of the Premier Calendar road race series lasy year. has gained a place in Great Britain's six-man squad for the inaugural Tour of Langkawi, Malaysia, from March I to 10.

Wales see virtue in youth policy Scattergun approach benefits world rugby There is a curious rela of the team. There is a lenient,

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

development."

buy team shirts."

tion centre in Ottawa.

FOR years, rugby union has tended to cast a cloak of secrecy around the amounts of money available for the sport's development in a global sense: Yesterday, however, the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) declared its financial hand.

From the profits of the past two World Cups, some E7.4 million has either been distributed to, or is earmarked for, nearly 50 countries. Moreover, the International Rugby Settlement, established in the Isle of Man in 1990, has funds amounting to £10 million - a. pot that is still growing - for fostering the game worldwide.

"I see this as day one of the development of rugby union." Keith Rowlands, the retiring IRFB secretary, said in introducing Lee Smith, the board's first development and resource officer. It will be the function of Smith, 48, who was New Zealand's director of coaching and development, to monitor and advise on requests for grant aid.

The litmus-paper test of how successful our system is will be seen after another two World Cups." Smith said. "When we can go into a tournament expecting a series of close games, then we will have an indication of rugby's growing maturity."

Some of the scorelines from the 1995 World Cup. - 145 points scored by New Zealand against Japan, 89 by Scotland against the Ivory Coast -

audience. The rapport for emphasised rugby's lack of strength in depth. The IRFB some can be immediate, but hopes that the rationalisation of its support programme will reduce the gap between the sport's haves and have-nots. Smith's role will involve telling any of the 71 countries that belong to the IRFB how to apply for aid. Not every application is a request for money, but for human resources in the shape of coaching, refereeing or development officers. "I bring an understanding of the game down to the grass roots." Smith said. "That should en-

others, for all their success, have to work harder to get the approbation of the crowd. Arwel Thomas, of Wales, fails into the first category. Neil Jenkins into the second. It is not just a matter of the way they play. Jenkins may be ived as more of a linekicker than Thomas - but it is not actually the case - and, at this stage, he is infinitely more accurate as a place kicker; but the crowd response differs. A player may have behavioural problems on the able me to advise countries on field, but this hardly stops the programmes, methods and

player from being the crowd's darling. Mickey Skinner, for The E5.7 million that has England, contrived the image been distributed so far of a lovable rogue in most people's eyes in the way that (another £1.7 million was approved only last week) consists Olivier Merle, of France, could of amounts large and small. not possibly be. Eric Cantona. is more likely to enjoy an The scattergun effect will fertilise the game and will give invitation as a dinner guest than Vinnie Jones. a kick-start to many of those

Or it may be that the unions who are desperately short of money." Rowlands said. "The 1991 World Cup attraction is as trifling as the way a player looks and whether, in a crowd's opinion, he fits created an explosion of interthe part that they have set for est in the game and the growth him. Does he look the way a of national unions, all of which are under-funded centre threequarter should? There is a difference, too, one or two can't even afford to between the player who means

to show off what he can do The requirements of unions with a rugby ball and the one boasting only six clubs clearly who simply shows off; the one differ from established bodies who is too big for his boots. such as that of Canada, whose Those on the Tanner Bank. grants have gone towards the who have a fine eye and ear for establishment of an elite these things, know the differsquad, but also towards an ence. They discern the player international rugby informawho struts for its own sake



rather than swagger for the game's sake

Yet there is more to it than this. There remains the definable quality that causes a favourable reaction in some bin that, in others, stirs feelings not so much of hostility as intolerance. There is something of this going on in Wales at present.

Wales lost to England last Saturday. This, in the distant past, would have been occasion enough for wailing and gnashing of teeth. The defeat in those days was not expected

'The kids did well' has been the most common refrain since last week'

character to do so?

to happen, so things had better be put right - and soon.

More recent defeats have not been like this. They have aroused either a simple frustration or a collective bout of defeatism. The nation had grown to expect failure and wore their losses like a tattered garment of a shelterless waif. There was a sense of loss of hope; no anger, no passion.

Not so this week. From flimsy and rather fragile evidence. Wales feels not at all bad with events at Twickenham. This is not because

England are perceived to have problems that are more to do with character and disposition than tactics. Deep-rootedly conservative and preferring

an institutional pattern, they will find it difficult within themselves to adopt the radical change that they wish. They know that the pattern of their games can be good,

Slough for what the FA, and

the players, hope will be the

first of many upmarket train-

ing sessions was a statement

of intent, part PR exercise.

part battle cry. Attention lev-

ing," Debbie Bampton, the

England captain, said. "It's

good for our morale to know

The girls were really buzz-

els lifted dramatically.

longer, for instance, with Robinson in the back row and

The key to the satisfaction is the youthfulness of the players. "The kids did well," has restored Hull to full back. If been the most common refrain they wish to change, they will need to take risks. Is it in their all week. The kids and their exuberance have been rewarded with something far less As for the approbation of the than censorious judgment, crowd. at Twickenham, this that has been so common balances on a knife-edge. It recently. This youthfulness is their defining quality. The crowd is on their side because they see, in them, the smiling Cavalier rather than the austere Roundhead. We must hope that the Arms Park crowd will not prove as fickle towards its players and more generous overall than Twickenham was last week.

even tolerant, mood, Why so? Admittedly, there were signs that this Wales team were seen to be "having a go", which has not always been obvious of late. There was striking individual perfor-mances, particularly at half back and at wing forward. There were inklings that they were avoiding the old hall ideas of the crash, bang. wallop type that not only disfigures the game but also is insistently unproductive in Wales. They were, in contrast, attempting to create and use the quick ball.

There were weaknesses. The penalty count against them -21 to nine - was highly unsatisfactory. Possession was not maintained long enough to pose a regular threat to England. Wales did not utilise Justin Thomas to best effect to the width of the pitch, where the speed of Gwyn Jones might have profited more.

Hicks continues to confound rankings

BY PHIL YATES

ANDY HICKS, who is sttempting to become the first wild-card entrant to capture the Benson and Hedges Masters spooker title, reached the semi-finals of the invitation. tournament yesterday with a surprise 6-3 victory over John-Parrott at the Wembley Conference Centre,

Hicks makes a lucrative habit of reserving his best for. the game's showpiece occasions. As the world No 17, he had no automatic right to.

compete at the Masters, but, after runs to the semi-finals of the world and United King-dom championships last saeson, it was hardly a suprise when he was included in the field

Many players of proven ability find it difficult to do themselves justice on their first appearance at Wembley, but Hicks settled down immediately. He constructed three century breaks during a 5-2 first-rouod win over David Roe, played solidly to beat James Wattana 6-4 and outpotted Parrott to secure a .

semi-final against Ronnie O'Sullivan, the defending champion, or Darren Morgan.

11g clearance in the first frame and a 91 in the fourth, Hicks trailed 3-2 before winning the sixth with a blue-to-black clearance after a poor safety shot from Parrott. Hicks, a left-handed Devonian, then

comfortably won the next two frames for a 5-3 advantage before completing victory by sinking the black to a middle pocket in the ninth. Stephen Hendry, who monopolised the Masters beween 1989 and 1993, recorded his 25th victory in 27 matches in the event by recovering from a 4-2 deficit to defeat

John Higgins 6-4 on Wednesday evening. Hendry had prevailed in

only two of his previous eight matches this year and onforced errors continued to plague him early on against Higgins, a 5-4 winner when they met in the corresponding round of the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge five weeks ago.

The turning point arrived in the seventh frame. Hendry. 58-0 in arrears at one stage, eventually salvaged it with a yellow-to-pink clearance before finishing impressively on . the back of breaks of 55, 54, and a 144 total clearance.

That was the second highest break in the 21-year history of the tournament, exceeded only by a 147 maximum from Kirk Stevens, of Canada, in 1984, and makes the world champi-on an overwhelming favourite d to win the £10,000 bonus forthe highest break Hendry will tomorrow meet Jimmy White, a player whom he tias beaten in four world

championship finals.

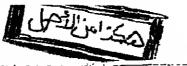
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Despite making the two highest breaks of the match, a

adopts a two-faced stance towards its own players. The players are either seriously in

favour or joylessly out of it. As for Wales, it is the approbation that, for the moment, is a distinctive feature. This week, nobody really dared, even if they thought so. to be even moderately critical

very good .- but only to a limited degree. Yet, if they were serious about change, they would have persisted



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Students of sport abounding in land of the springbok

A.S. NEILL, founder and then headmaster of Summerhill School, said that, as noneof his pupils had gone on to become Members of Parliament, he must have got it

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about right. At Hilton College, near Pietermaritzburg, South Afri-ca, I asked the second master how many Hiltonians had attained international status in sport and he sent for the marketing manager who gave me the list: 15 cricketers. including McLean, Procter,

Crookes; eight rugby players - P.G.A Johnstone, G Teichmann: 13 polo internationals, ten hockeyists, two oarsmen, cancers, golfers and tennis players and a dozen representatives of assorted disciplines from hot-air ballooning to rifle shooting.

"You must have got it about right," I suggested to Gordon Crossley, who, when teaching at Gresham's, Holt, in the late 1960s, scored 103 against Wisbech, Crossley said that the school was best known for its academic achievements. but then he would say that. R. J. O. Meyer used to say it about Millfield Last week, when the nat-



ional football team won the African Nations Cup, an exradio commentator shouted: "We have arrahved: look out world." Bafana Bafana's (the boys' success at football followed

the lifting of rugby's World Cup. Test series victory against England and there are bullish noises coming out in respect of South Africa's Davis Cup tennis chances. It seemed a good idea to

You turn off the N3 about 50 miles north of Durban at the Hilton exit. The sign shows. Hilton to the right, Hilton College left and I left and drove and

drove along a handsomely tarmacked road by the Umgeni river through stunning countryside, past forests of yellow-wood and pine. That is the school drive; seven kilometres on, you reach the school gate.

Hilton was founded as a school for 50 children by an Anglican minister in 1872 and the founding fathers had the wisdom to buy up land ... 3,500 acres. Today, there are 500 male pupils, about 10 per cent non-white. I arrived during central hour: 1.45-2.45,

when boys can do whatever they like but not games. "If we lost prohibition, they'd all be out there playing touch rugby and cricket," I was told, and by 3pm it was all better. By the entrance, beyond the slave bell, a boy was playing the one-hole golf course. Two sets of six cricket nets were

fully occupied with three bowlers per baisman. There were four practice games. You could tell because the boys wore white shorts; longs are reserved for matches." The pool was filled with boys swimming and boys diving; athletes ran along the drive and around the hal-



lowed turf of the school's many again busy at the hoops. There is an indoor cricket net in the corner. Squash is hugely popular, Hilton play in a summer squash league and the place abounds with tennis courts. As this is the cricket season and the eves of South Africans are on Hansie Cronje and his

Hilton College, the South African school renowned for sporting achievement

men on the sub-continent, 1 asked how many of the boys play competitive cricket. of-the-art machines, with that

There are four under-14 teams; also under-t5 A, B, C and D and under-16s ditto: then there are five open sides ... and for every boy who gets to play, there is probably another one waiting for his place.

On Saturdays, when Hilton plays matches against other schools (they also compete in the Natal Witness evening cricket league), parents come

the ground eating picnics and watching their lads in the under-15 Cs; urging them to hone their skills and maybe make it to the under-15 Bs. Last year, Hilton sent its team to tour England and play in the Oundle cricket festival: their record was played 13, lost one

"Who beat you?" "Durban High School in the final at Oundle

"Was that a big blow?" "Well," the cricket master said, "we try to win, but we don't have post mortems. Sport occupies a high level in South African consciousness. Before we were isolated, we were the best sportsmen." 'Why? "Well, it's the weather and

the emphasis on outdoors and our history of success in internationals, probably beginning with the brilliant fielding of Cheetham's side in which McGlew and McLean and Endean did what Rhodes does now.

I stand behind a row of six nets, watching the action and notice a fair-haired boy of 14 taking a 16-pace run and bowling with a high, smooth

action on a length, on a line, at considerable pace.

"That boy has a terrific future," I was about to say when I noticed a 13-year-old in the next net late-cutting a shortish ball as handsomely as did P. G. H. Fender on the Woodbine cigarette cards of my youth.

The fact is that the place abounds with talent and ambidon and sportsmanship ("please do not mention that of the fathers at Michaelhouse is suing the school for excluding his son from the team about to tour Australia"). And as I leave this hive of sun-blessed activity, the golfer at the gate is still at it drive, chip, out, putt. Next year, they are going to build another hole: a 100 per cent increase in sports provision which will be nicely executed by some of the three figure army of Hilton gmundsmen.

Sunshine and inexpensive labour are helpful in the pursuit of sporting excellence, but love of the game and pride of their country is what gives South Africa the edge; this is a land of professional

British driver leads weird and wonderful launch of the new Sauber-Ford Herbert kick-starts grand prix career

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN BADEN, SWITZERLAND

WEIRD was not what we were expecting in the stolid depths. of Switzerland, but weird was most definitely what we got. The launch of the new Sauber-Ford Formula One car here yesterday cast Johnny Herbert and Heinz-Harald Prenizen. its drivers, in the roles of mildly embarrassed extras in a costume musical that made, Star Trek look tame by comparison and put the extravagance of the Benetton launch in Sicily on Monday in the shade.

Imagine a science fiction version of Springtime for Hitler from The Producers and you might begin to get a picture of the cavortings on stage at the Space Dreams theatre in this village outside Zurich. There were men and women painted silver, multicoloured lasers' and a vast array of pointy caps. "We will in the race, we will be heroes," the cast sang as



Faldo's sinking feelings subside

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

A YEAR ago, Nick Faldo was seriously worried about his putting and was questioning his decision to abandon the Eumpean golf circuit for the more consistent conditions prevailing on the US PGA

A missed three-footer caused him to miss the halfway cut in the Buick Invitational and it was not until he captured the Doral Open, his fourth victory in the United States, two weeks later, that

Faldo yesterday returned to the two Torrey Pines courses at La Jolla for the Buick event this week at ease with himself and with a putting stroke that he is convinced is close to malching that with which he won five major champion-THE SE TIMES

amaleurs. Woosnam struggles in heat at Sun City

IAN WOOSNAM made a disappointing start in pursuit of a third successive tournament victory yesterday. He wilted in the heat and finished the opening round of the Data Dimension Pro-am golf tournament at Sun City, South Africa, six shots off the pace. Nick Price, a former winner

of the Million Dollar Golf Challenge on the Gary Player Country Club course, shot a 68, to share the lead with Sven Struver, of Germany, The tournament, the first of

three back-to-back events that form part of the European Tour, is being played over two par-72 courses, the Lost City and Gary Player Country Club. Today, the players swap

to the alternate course and then play the final two rounds on the Gary Player coorse. Woosnam, of Wales, fresh from PGA Eumpean Tour victories in Singapore and Perth, shot a 74. Other European strugglers included Costantino Rocca, of Italy. oo 73, Per-Ulrik Johansson, of Sweden, 78. and David Feherty, from Northern Ireland, on 79. Price, the world No 2 from South Africa, and Struver went out early, on the Lost City and Gary Player courses respectively, and held the lead throughout a long, hot day in which munds took up to six hours to complete. "I think it's going to be very tough to adjust from playing the Bayview grass at Lost City to the Kikuyu at Gary Player Country Club," Price said, especially when it comes to chipping." Struver, 28, whose best finish is a fourth place in the Irish Open. managed five birdics and a solitary bogey at the par-three 4th. "I played the best I've done in a while," he said. "I hit t8 greens and missed only two fairways and then only by a metre."

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Herbert and Frentzen looked Jn. "We will go faster, we will not be zeros."

It took a while for the significance of all this to sink in, but eventually it did. "We are now taking you to a different world," a Sauber official announced from the stage. "We are trying to take" you to a new dimension this season, to go where no man has been before."

eternity, the singing stopped and Herbert talked his way through the next act, an episode that Great Britain's most popular driver is determined will not be his epilogue after a fraught year in the shadow of Michael Schumacher, the

world champion, at Benetton in 1995. Attempts to sideline him undermined his racing. credibility, although he did collect his first two grand prix victories.

"It was a hard year last year." Herbert, 31, said. "From the start, there seemed to be rumours that every race would be my last race. It was here, they have been friendly

ATHLETICS

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MOSCOW: Indoor meeting: Men: 50m; 5

the news instead of letting in Peter.

Black wins easily on material.

Answers from page 35

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WORD-WATCHING

(c) Son of Zabor, a Hittite from whom Abraham bought for 400 sheckels the cave of Macpelah at Hebron and the field and trees that went with it, as a burial place for his wife Sarah. He himself

was buried there, as were Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah.

(a) An excitable girl in the house of Mary, mother of John Mark, where a number of Christians were gathered to pray for Peter, apprehended by Herold Agrippa J. When Peter, having escaped from prison, knocked on the garden door, she recognised his wore but was so bowled over that she ran back to the house with the new instead of letting in Dates.

(C) A woman of Jezreel and one of David's wives. Together with Abigail, she was taken to wife by David after his first wife. Michal, was taken away from him by her father. Saul Ahinoam was the mother of Ammon who raped his half-sister. Tamar. Dadd's dysfunctional royal family made the Windsors look like smarmy and unrapacious models for the fatuous mag apparently called Hello!.

(b) Son of Lamech by his first wife. Adah. He was the first

harpist and organist, the ancestor of those who make music and musical instruments. His brother was, irritatingly, Jabal.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE Nad5: 2. Rath Nath and the White queen is trapped and so

Herbert commands centre stage at the launch of the new Sauber-Ford while Frentzen, right, and Norberto Fontana, the team's test driver, look on

studid and it must have been coming from somewhere. "So far, Heinz-Harald has Looking back on it, I think it's affected my performances and upset my psychologically. "I really lost all the enjoyment out of racing. I hardly spoke to Flavio Briatore, the managing director. In the second half of the season and

Evans (US) 5.70eec. 200m: A Sokolov (Russ) 20.98 1.000m: H Mahoub (Mor) 2min 20.28sec. 50m hundles: S Velov (Russ) 5.60ec Polis velit: S Noissev (Russ) 5.40m. Tripis jump: Y Cuesada (Luba) 17.45. Women: 50m N Merzya-kove (Russ) 5.20sec 1.000m: L Viesde (Sur) 2min 41.51sec. 5.000m: F Ribero (Pol) 15:05:2: 50m hundles N Bohowa (Uni 5.62sec. High jomp: T Motiova (Russ) 4.16 Tripis jump: N Kayukova (Rus) 14.22.

LONG#400R: Anny cross country cham-pionships: Men (9.5km). 1. Cpi A Shapherd (2 Sig Regi) 30mm 40sec; 2. S Sgt R Finch

shared everything with me, which is a big difference to what happened with Schu-macher, and I just have to make sure it stays that way. After last season, 1 got the feeling that people think that it was very difficult. Coming

and welcoming and it feels as am, but I have got a lot left to though I have got out of jail. prove in Formula One." Herbert accepted that he

may find himself pitched straight into a situation like the one that he laboured under at Benetton. Frentzen is one of the most highly-rated young drivers and has already been

more pooling of information this time. It could be a good year, too. Sauber are powered by Ford VIO engines, there are high hopes of the new chassis and the new pairing of drivers is being touted as an "explosive double package". Herbert said that he would

revenge for the treatment that he received from Schumacher

race this season - Schumacher is now at Ferrari. Herbert thinks that Damon Hill is the favourite for the world championship and that Jean Alesi will thrive at Benetton - and, like everyone else, he was mesmerised by the characters on stage yesterday. "I tried to sing along." he said, "but I couldn't keep up."

Boone bt G Barker 3-15, 17-14, 15-2, 15-12, N Smith bl O Miekey 15-14, 3-15, 5-15, 15-4.

SNOOKER

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last year by beating him in a

With The Times today, a 24-page guide to the Corporate Golf Challenge and details of how to enter

ships. It was at La Jolla last year that he became so confused that he alternated between the cross-handed and the conventional styles.

Faldo, who returned permanently to the tradidonal meth-od last September, said: "1 won't be chopping and chang-ing this week. I am still working on my touch but I am happier on the greens than 1 was this time last year." Faldo knows that his putting is suspect when he leaves the ball short. as he did Thomas Level, the first

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French golfer to compete on the US PGA Tour, in 1993, three times in his last competishot a disastrous 90 yesterday. tive round, at Pebble Beach with halves of 48 and 42. Io with a better chance of play-ing the last two days are his compatriots. Christian last Friday. "There is no excuse for coming up short," he said. "It's really a question of having the confidence to attack the hole. I have told Cevear, 74, and Tim Planchin,

myself to be more aggressive." Wayne Westner was disqualified for practising on the Gary Player course after his The greens on the North and South public courses at Torrey Pines are fast but true 72 on the Lost City. He hit and Faido will be trying to "about ten five-irons down the 10th fairway", and main-tained that it had "always make the most of the conditions before beginning his preparations for the Masters been regarded as a practice with a run of five lournaments tee". However, Andy McFee. a Tour official, ruled that both in six weeks, beginning at the Doral Open at the end of this layouts jointly constituted the tournament course.



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WENBLEY: Berson and Hedges Masters: Second round: A McManus (Scot) bt M Stevens (Males) 5-5: 5 Hendry (Scot) bt J Higgers (Scot) 6-1 Quester-finat: A Hols (Eng) bt J Parrott (Eng) 6-3. SWIMMING SWITNAMING IMPERIA, Italy: World Cup meeting: Men: 50m treestyle: 1, M Fostar (GB) 21-70 soc: 2, A Popov (Russ) 21:50 200m treestyle: C Trige: (Ger) 1mm 48.91sec 800m tree-style: G Housman (Aus) 7-51-59 50m backstroke: S Theloke (Ger) 25 65sec 200m backstroke: E Mensi III) 1mm 54.45sec, 100m butterfly: T Aupprath (Ger) 53.81, 200m Individual meetily: 1, M Malinsky (Pol) 1min 59 99aec Women: 100m treestyle: K Meessere (Ger) 56 07sec. 400m treestyle: K Meessere (Ger) 56 07sec. 400m treestyle: L C Pol (C Aca) 4mm 05.82sec; 3, 5 Colarge (GB) 415.40 100m backstroke: L Vigaam (G) 1.02.39 50m broeststroke: L Denran (Aus) 31 13sec. 200m broeststroke: L Lacusta (Rom) 2min 05.55sec 50m butterfly: C Varm (R) 200m breeststroke: Lieusia (Horn) 2min 26,579ec Stan butterfly: C Vann (t) 27,84sec, 200m butterfly: C Vann (t) 27,84sec, 200m butterfly: 1, P Thomas (Aus) 2mm 11,18eec. 100m individual mediey: Ruan Tan (Crima) 104-28 400m Individual mediey: 1, N Sweetnam (Can) 4/2 08

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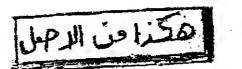
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96 BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Lakestar Riders: 64 (Agnet 29, Hanta 14) Sheffeld Sharks 77 (Cauftrom 15, Huggins 19). EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CLUB: Semi-final series: Group B: Pau-Oninez (Fr) 82 Barcelone (Sp) 70. RUGBY LEAGUE Silk Cut Challenge Cup BIATHLON Fifth round West Hull v Welveleici (at The Boulevard, 7.30) RUPHOLDING, Germany, World chempl-onnhips: Worten (7 Sim) 1. 0 Romesto (Russ) 22min 30.5sec; 2. A E Sidebred (Rus) 22-09 5; 3. M Wallin (Swe) 22-28 5; 4. G Kuldewa (Russ) 22-53 1; 5. C Nogret (Fi) 2313,5; 6, H Middesplass (Noi) 2316 1; 7; L G Sugebred (Noi) 23162, World Cap positions (atter ten races); 1. E Carret (Fi) 199pts; 2. A Grade (Storenta) 163; 3. U Disi (Gen 162; 4, A Brand (Fi) 155; 5. M Wallin (Swe) 153; 6, F Baverel (Fi) 148 FOOTBALL Kick-off 7.30 unless stated AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Totenham v Chelsea (at St Abers). FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Second round: FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Second round: Bohamians v Klikenny (7 45); Drogheda v Shelbourne (7 45); St Patrick's Alth v Panad Shebourne (7 45); Si Patrick's Ath V Panad. LEAGUE OF WALES: Postponed: Caerswa v Inter Cardiff. SCHOOLS MATCHES (2.0 unless stated): Michands county championahip: Under-18: Semi-finat: Humberside v Shopshnie (a) Cubbel Park. Scunthorpo), English Schools Sritchers under 19 Trophy: Sac-and round: Monispision, Whitey Bay v York College, York: S1 Cutherl's High School, Newcestle v Yorkshire Coast College, Scerborough (at Berweil, 145) CRICKET SHEFFIELD SHIELD (second day of four) Brisbane: Queensland 150 and 181; New South Wales 159 and 8-1. Hobert Tasma-rta 258-8 v South Australia. LAHORE: Tour metch (one day): Lahore Caty XI 165-9 (50 overs); England XI 187-4 (48.2 overs). FOOTBALL ' OTHER SPORT Wednesday's late results



SPORT / RADIO

Spray flies as the crews of the University of London eights, Greasy Spoon, right, and High Fibre, engage in their rowing trials on the Thames yesterday (Mike Rosewell writes). The crews included five full Great Britain internationals, three of whom - Rupert Obholzer, Tim Foster and Graham Smith look likely to be wearing Olympic vests in July. International under-23 and junior representatives were also present.

Greasy Spoon, on Surrey, won both contests, the first, from Putney to Hammersmith, by a mere canvas, and the second, from Chiswick Steps to Mortlake, by almost a length. In both races, Greasy Spoon, stroked by Stewart Whitelaw, the Great Britain lightweight international, took an initial lead but

never managed to break clear. In the first contest, Obboizer, the High Fibre stroke, brought his crew back level just 15 strokes from the finish, but Greasy Spoon, with Tim Foster outstanding at No 7, squeezed ahead again. In the second, High Fibre seemed to have the race won when they took the lead at Barnes Bridge, but Greasy Spoon. helped by impressive steering from Jessica Wright, held on around the outside of the bend to complete a double.

Maurice Hayes, the London University rowing manager since the departure of Paul McGann, the Australian, last summer, said that Rusty Williams, his men's coach, and Dave Martin, the women's coach, two former University of London performers, were instrumental in the club's present success and spirit. Interestingly, the spirit was enhanced by the inclusion of a race for two women's fours yesterday. Six of the crews involved will seek Great Britain representation this Summer.

SULDING: GREASY SPOCH: Bow, N Homes (Hampton and UCL); 2, A Mediantosy (Pigrims a UCL); 3, L Wilker (KCS Windbedon and King's); 4, T James (St Edwards and School Oriensi and Anton Suddes); 5, A Cessidy (Streucbury and UCL); 8, 0 Ward (Bodic and King's); 7, T Foster (Bedford Modern and UCL); stroke, 5 Withbeam (HCS Windled and Imperia); corc J Wright (Cueen Anne's, Caventham and UCL). HIGH REFE: Bow, J Hughes (St Wilson Borless and UCL); 2, 0 Button (St Edward and King's); 3, N Stortey (Hentey Co.), LSE and Non'J.); 4, K James (Bedford) Modern a UCL); 5, 0 Beedday (Franzba and UCL); 6, 1 Nolan (St Lokepi's, Getward and Nong's); May and Westfield; 7, 0 Smith (Westfinister and UCL); stroke; R Obinaber (Hentph and King's); 7, 0 Smith (Westfinister and UCL); 5, Concept's, Getward and F

Portway's signing points way forward

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIB

PURFLEET football club this week signed Steve Portway, the striker whose 50-goal-a-

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Green fingers in the pink

Gardening Under the Raj. Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.

Sue Phillips has strong together some recollections of green-fingered British expans, mainly women, of the many decades when India was still a big patch of pink on the map. Trying to replicate England's green and pleasant land in a foreign clime was sometimes hilarious, occasionally daunting, and often downright impossible. Elephants-would himber across the lawn, teaving a string of minimizine pools in their wake. Cows ruined petunia beds. Scavenging monkeys had lo be shot out of the trees with rubber bullets. To break up the hard soil, dynamite sticks were exploded. The aneodotalists we hear from this morning all sound as if no speck of dirt would have dared to seek morning all sound as if no speck of dirt would have dared to seek refuge under their finger-nails.

Radio 2 Arts Programme: Weish Rarebits. Radio 2. 10.00pm.

I do not know what Glenys Kinnock would say if she was challenged to explain how a busy-bee of a European MP also finds time to present a two-hour arts magazine from Wales, but I believe that I do know why she was asked to front Welsh Rarebus. She is Welsh and a know why she was asked to none wear known. She is weah and a Pellow of the Royal Society of Arts. Also, she comes over well on radio. One of the topics tonight is Welsh National Opera's 40th birthday. I well remember its first season: a goodish Madama Butterfly and a ribticking Barrened Bride. The question asked then, and since, is: why no Welsh National Theatre too? That is another of the topics tonight. Peter Davaile

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6.00am Russ III Jono 9.00 Bichard Skimer 12.09 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home: 7.30 Paul Covic 10.00 Mark Forest 2.00pm Howard Pearce

3.00 Mining the Archive. Susan The Rev Alan Walker visits a Hungarian Reformed Church neer Barons Court

Backwoodsmen intent on setting one more ambush SIX hundred yards separate Christopher Irvine finds amateurs keen the West Hull club from Hull, to topple another set of professionals

their professional rugby league neighbours. It is another world across the Anlaby flyover, except that the team that has gone further in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup than any other amateur side in 99 years will feel at home there in their fifth-round match agains! Wakefield Trinity to-

night. Two weeks ago, at The Boulevard, the backwoodsround. men of West Hull ambushed York — a second professional

£20,000 for club funds and anything to go by, the passion will be unbelievable." revelled in their odyssey. In a city dominated by the rivalry The recent return fire, by the cannon fodder of the amateur between its two professional ranks in the Challenge Cup, sides, the interlopers of West. Hull can boast of having gone has asked serious questions of further in the competition several professional sides. than Hull Kingston Rovers. Moreover, it is a timely rewho fell in the fourth minder of grassroot teams' playing ability in the worsen-ing rift between the profes-"People here have woken up to the fact that there is a team sional and amateur governing

dispute about the running of junior rugby has got lost in a battle of bloated egos. Heads need knocking together for the

common good. Progress needs to be made and quickly. The amateur seedbed produced 200 professional recruits last season, compared with just 14 signings from rugby union. There is mutual dependence. but, without a vibrant and healthy amateur set up, the professional game would

wither. Unlike the professionals. for Purfleet

season feats for Gravesend and Northfleet carned him a move to Gloucester City-that was wrecked when he received a freak eye injury from

a ball smashed into his face.

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consider playing a chall-enge match against rugby union opposition. The move comes after Wigan's plans to play two games, one under each code, against Bath this summer. Bradford hope to arrange a challenge against Leicester along similar

We are investigating the possibility of a game against Leicester," Chris Caisley, the Bradford chairman, said. "It's an

lines.

Bradford

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BRADFORD Bulls are the

latest rugby league club to

interesting development and could well be a financial success for the Bulls.

The matches between Wigan and Bath will be played on Wednesday May 8, at a northern venue under league rules, and Saturday May 25 in the south under union laws. Rugby league clubs are to be allowed to sign five overseas players instead of three, the existing limit. However, those players from emerging nations will no longer be exempt from the register.

The Rugby League Council adopted the Framing the Future guldelines yesterday. under which clubs must meet minimum standards on facilities, appoint separate chief executives and finance officers and allocate half their funds from the £87 million Super League to capital spending pro-

scalp in the competition to add to their humiliation of Highfield was a record. Upsets by Thatto Heath, this year, and Beverley, last season and in 1909, were one-off victories

Wakefield's proud history in the Challenge Cup - they have won it five times - has heightened talk of a third giant-killing act by the Conference League team, even though the first division side should win comfortably. Not that Wakefield anticipate, or are likely to receive, an easy ride on an icy night on Humberside. As much as he would have

loved to have drawn Wigan, Eddie Bennett, the West Hull coach, appreciates that Wakefield, on a hiding to nothing. at least offer some hope of advancement to the quarterfinals. "It'll go one of two ways - we'll get duffed by 40-odd points, or they'll freeze, and we'll sneak it," Bennett said. Whatever happens, the upstarts have already resoundingly made their point, raised other than Hull and Rovers." bodies. Unification is the only sol-Bennett said. "Unlike them, we seem to have the entire city behind us. We usually get 300 or so, but we're looking at

ution, but, in laying down lerms, the Rugby Football League (RFL) and British Amaround 5,000 on Friday night, ateur Rugby League Associwhich is better than Hull's ation (Barla) have moved average. If the York game is further apart. The original

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Bennett, the West Hull coach, looking for cup progress

the amateurs are sticking to Portway's signing from playing in winter, and to the laws that existed before the Romford, of the Essex Senior League, is a determined move mid-season introduction by the RFL of changes to the scrum, play-the-ball and restart. As the new laws apply in the Challenge Cup. West Hull must adapt accordingly. "We have coped," Bennett said, "but it's hardly designed to make life easy.

At the club, which began in 1936 and was reformed 25 years ago, the popular consen-sus is that the team playing today is as good as any West Hull has had. With six Barla internationals in the side, there is no shortage of talent or experience, especially in the influential presence of Dave Roe at hoeker, Stuart Farr at stand-off half, and Carl Newlove, provided he is fit, in the loose forward role. Bennett admitted after view-ing a borrowed video tape that Wakefield were bigger, stron-

ger and faster. They were all that - but that's not to say they will have our spirit," he said.

by Purflect to preserve their hard won place in the premier division of the Icis League: but, unfortunately, Portway is cup-tied and so must miss out on the arduous assignment against Macclesfield Town in the FA Umbro Trophy tomorrow

Although bottom of the table, with just two wins and 20 goals in 20 matches. Purflect registered a stunning upset when they beat Rushden and Diamonds, the runaway leaders of the Beazer Homes League, in the first round of the Trophy at Nene Park last month. So, they know exactly how

they want to play against the Vauxhall Conference champions, who are at the head of the competition once again this SCASOR

"At Rushden, we set out to, do a job," Norman Posner, the secretary, said. "We bad five at the back, four in midfield and one up front, and stopped them playing football. To do that and try to get something oo the break was the only possible way we could beat them."

5.55am Shipping Forecest (LW only) 6.00 News Brieling, ind weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, Ind 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40-Yestenday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Diecs. Soe Lawley take to Eve Amold (r) 9.45 Feedback Gary Calder, who has steadily lifted Purfleet up the non-League ladder since being appointed manager in January 1991, when they were second from bottom of the Isthmian League second divi-sion north, is taking his learn to Congleton for an overnight - weather permitting. We're doing things properly," he said.

Calder believes that Purficet are at the crossroads. "You mustn't forget the club is only ten years old," he said, "We either pash on or slip back the way we came. I'm sure we're going to push on." The recruitment of Portway, and John Ridout, from Enfield, will undoubtedly help. These signings are also a mark of the undiminished commitment of Harry and Tommy South, the owners of the club, who developed Purfleet's ground al Ship Lane on the playing fields of a derelict technical college.

 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarks
 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
 2.00 News; Classic Seriel: Giltler of Mice by Jessie Kesson, chamalised by Anne-Downis, about a Scottish larming cohamunity (r).
 3.00 News; The Athenroon Shift, with Laure Taxlor THE MENTIMES with Laure trayfor 4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoecope includes reviews of the new Steven Polaical play and Matthew Hart's new work for the Royal Ballet

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Veugnan Williams (Symphony No 5 in D); Vivald (Concerto In A minor); Debussy (Préfude à l'après-miol d'un faune); 8.05 Egar (Great is the Lord); Shostakovich (Bellet, Sulte No. 3) 4.30 Brazil: Black Gold. The last sour praze: stack Gold. The last programme in this series
 explores the legacy of the gold and diamond mines of Mines Cerais in the 18th-century Portuguese colony
 5.00 The Music Machine with Communication 3.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gembaccini, including Stravinsky (Scherzo & ta nsse): Liszi (Lee Cloches da Genève, Années de Rélarinege); Rimeiny-Korsakov (Scheherzzade) Musical Encounters. 5.15 in Tune, including Musical Encounters, Including Dullay (Balsamus et mutida Cera); Brahms (Molin, Soneta in Dimiror, Op 108); 10.28 Artist of the Week; Mondoriville (Overiture, Titon et Aurore): Rodgers (Slaughter on Tenth Avenue); Glinka (Sextat in E flet) 7.30 BBC Philitermonic under Yan Pascal Tortaliar, with Howard Shelley, piano, five from the Free-Trade Hall in Menchester, Judith Bingham (Beyond Redemption); Besthoven (Plano Concerto No 4 in G); 8.30 Notes and Spaces, Lymna Walkar Mondoriville (Overture, Titor

10.28 Artist of the Week: Nancy Argenta, sogrario, with Eugene Asti; pieno, sirigs four motien American songe; 10.40 Arnold (Pieno Sonsta); Delius (Two Aquarelles); Martin (Ballacle); Wolf (An sine Aolsharfe); Borodin (Symphony No 1 in E fiat) 12.00 Composes of the Week: Les Six Auric (Imaginées VI); Mithaud (Sonatina); Horiegger (Prelucte, The Tempose); Tatlefeire (Concertino for harp and orchestra); Poulenc (Umbarquement pour Cythère)

England: 8.50 Sibelius (Symphony No 1 in E minor) 9.40 History Now and Theer: Imperialism. Prasented by Roy Porter 9.50 Hear and Now. Sarah Waker Introduces highlights from last year's fresthal in Sao Pacio. Including Silvio Fenez (Janeta No Espetho D'Ague); Harry Croixt (chocutecat); Domanico Colro (Sertas Sonoro); Silvio Fenez (Canto De Cura) 12.00-1.00am Selt, Smoke, Settre. The last programme in a six-pert series on the history of cabaret (L'Errau Cythère) 1.00 Chamber Music from Mancheater Are from J Hall, New Manchester live from the Concert Hall, New Concert Hall, New Broadcasting House, Barnard Roberts, plano, performs Beathoven (Plano Sonata in E Rat, Op 7); Hindemith (Piano Sonata No 3) 2.00 Schools: Let's Make a Story 2.15 Music Box 2.30 Dance Workshop 2.50 Poerry Corner

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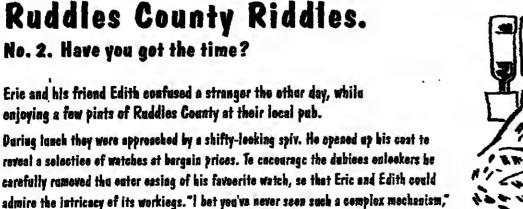
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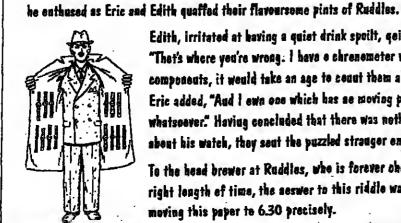
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9.45 Feedback
10.00-10.30 News; Gardening under the Raj (FM only). See choice
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr's Isle (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour, Sylva Horn tails to the Japanese-Indian dancer Shakil. Seriat: Cause. Celeb by Helen, Freiding, abridged by Jane Marshall, Read by Jennifer Ente (2/12)
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Joanna Prinock
12.00 News; You and Yours
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1.00 The World at One, with Nick Botins Berlins 9.15 Letter from America by Alistar Cooke 9.96 Kalekdoscope Feature, Paul Allen is joined by director Dectan Dormelian and designer Nick Ormerod as - they talk about their thestre company Cheek by Jowl (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with 10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig. 10.45 Book at Beclimes God Stand Up for Beithards. David Leitch reads his autobiography (5/8) 11.00 Week Ending. News salire with Sally Grace, Jeffray Holland and Toby Longworth 11.25 Fourth Celtuma – 11.45 Today in Partiscoent 12.00 News, Incl. 12.27am Westher 13.00 News, Incl. 12.27am Westher 13.00 News, Incl. 12.00 News, Incl. 12

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Edith, irritated at having a quiet drink spoilt, geipped, "Thet's where you're wrong. I have a chrenometer with so many components, it would take an age to count them all." To which Eric added, "And I ewn one which has se moving parts whatsoever." Having concluded that there was nothing special about his watch, they sout the puzzled strauger on his way.

To the head brewer at Ruddles, who is forever obecking his watch to ensure that County is formented for exectly the right length of time, the asswer to this riddle was obvices. Bet if you don't have the time to work this one out, try moving this paper to 6.30 precisely.

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Militant man has reconstructed himself

any unkind things have York's Eighties, including the ludicrous suggestion that the 1980s happened too recently to meril a retrospective series. Well, maybe so, if you spent the century's silliest decade making meticulous notes of who did what to whom and why. But, if it is, as it is for me, all a bit of a blur, then York's ridiculously stylised reminders of a ridiculously stylised ten years have been rather fun. Now, what has all that got to do

with last night's television, you ask. Two things. First, that at the current rate of transformation I predict Derek Hatton will have turned completely into Peter York by the year 2003. And secondly, that My Brilliant Career (BBC2) has - like York's series - been a well-timed and entertainingly executed reminder of people and events which, without a bit of help, could easily be forgotten.

BBC1

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Cesfax) (64063)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax)

6.00am Business Braskfast (33712) .

Last night it was Hanon's turn defiantly scouse "ch" was immacubeen said about Peter to take a trip down short-term late. As his doting father said: "He memory lane, back to the strawberry fields of Militant-run Liverpool. One of my Big Three narrators, Veronika Hyks, was wheeled out for the occasion but she hardly got a word in. For Hatton, as we were quickly reminded,

has a prodigious gob on him. These days he supplements his income as a public relations man and television presenter by picking. up £1,000 a night on the afterdinner speaking circuit. The pat-ter, as you would expect from one of the world's great self-publicists, is silky smooth, particularly on the question of would he do it all again? Yes, if it could be 1983 again but no in 1996. 🕆

"Life's very different, politics are very different, the economy's very different, people are very different and, eh. Derek Hatton's very different." The timing of the table top thud to coincide with the

could go on the stage tomorrow and be a comedian." The only question is -- how would we tell?

T owever, it was Hatton's past, rather than his future, that was the matter in hand. His father (interviewed, rather successfully, while having his hair cut) recalled his son's early career as a fireman and his little-known involvement in the church. He was as fervent about religion as he became about polinos, recalled a friendly curate. The same curate would later compare Hatton's story to that of Jesus Christ, which seemed to be stretch-ing religious metaphor a little. The key section dealing with the short-lived glory days of Militant

was cleverly constructed, with contributions from colleagues. family and political opponents all



Bond

REVIEW

Everton beating Manchester United in the FA Cup Final. The infamous day when this Trotskyite city council actually secured extra funding from a Tory government was marked by the Everton skip-per lifting the FA Cup. The crowds roared. Victory.

Patrick Jenkin, whose Environment Department provided the additional funds, was in no doubt intescut with symbolic footage of where he had gone wrong. The Derek Hatton and they used that to try and smash my political career." As summaries go, it

That, of course, marked the turning point. Mrs Thatcher was "incandescent with fury", Mr Kinnock incandescent with concern that if Labour councils went round issuing redundancy notices to their own employees he could kiss the next general election goodbye. Hatton and his allies were expelled from the party, a decision which in Hatton's words,

It also (once we had rather skated over the subsequent police inquiry and Hatton's acquittal on fraud charges) marked the end of a highly successful series. Its sub-

one mistake I made was trusting tempted by the chance to air their grievances, while we wallow in delicious Schadenfreude. A most enjoyable combination.

> ver on BBC1. The Vet was also coming to an end and very silly it was, too. "Mum, she's got the bull walking around the yard," shouled Stephen down the telephone to his mother, Jennifer (Suzanne Burden). Nothing too complicated there, you might think.

After all, by that time we had spent half an hour in the company of the eccentric Miss Paley and her buil with the broken leg. Jennifer had set it herself - as those who have been paying attention to the opening odes knew she would. Surely then the words "she", "bull", "walking" and "yard" would ring a few bells. But no. Cue much tossing of blonde hair and the adoption of a series of puzzled

Stephen?" Oh spare us - the sooner she runs off with the RSPCA man the better.

Mind you now poor Patricia (Diana Kent) has met her end in a car crash the whole field of unreso)ved sexual tension is wide open again. Chris (Richard Hawley) series comes around he might just As long as he remembers to speak

tracking shot that appeared to go through two glass windows, across a street and up a flight of stairs) and an old-fashioned but still) gripping finale. You can't beat a good roadblock. What came in

• Lynne Truss is on holiday

HTV Moon Over Miami 6.00em GMTV (2522712) BBC1, 2.40pm 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw Quiz (s) (3210809) A daytime slot does not suggest much confidence in this import from the United States, and Moon Over Miami is no masterpiece. But as light and undemanding fare it is excellent of its type, the equivalent of 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (5509625) 10.00 The Time ... the Place (s) (1750644) 10.35 This Morning (15601151) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (6011083) tare it is excellent of its type, the equivalent of those unpretentious comedies that used to roll effortlessly off the despised Hollywood assembly line. Walter Tatum (Bill Campbell) is a private detective surprisingly given to spouring Shakespeare. Gwen Cross (Ally Walker) is an heiress, also (and even more and even more 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (3362118) 12.55 Murder, She Wrote (s) (4749422) 1.50 Home and Away (Teletext) (36260903) 2.20 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (57997354) 2.50 The Good Health Guide (3709996) surprisingly) with a hot line to the Bard. Their paths cross when she goes missing and he is hired to find her. The relationship is 3.20 News headlines (Teleterat) (2039915) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (2038286) prickly but enduring, complicated because he already has a girlfriend (Lysette. Anthony). Campbell and Walker are not Tracy and Hepburn, but give them a chance 3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (1402712) 3.45 Zzzap! (1407267) 4.00 The Sylveste

end Tweety Mysteries (1027286) 4.25 Gladiators: Train to Win(Telefed) (1020373) 4.55 Get This (s) (1040809) 5.10 A Country Practice (s) (8453354) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (483083)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (586644) 6.45 Sportsweek (Teletext) (459286) 7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right, Couples play for a new car and cash (Teletext) (\$) (7557)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (354) 8.00 The Bill: Back in Business, Conway's colleagues are relieved to see he has not

lost his touch (Teletext) (3977) 8.30 Paul Merton in Gelton and Simpson's... Tha Radio



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Lansbury, Todd Bryant and Tim Dunigan (1238354)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8453354) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather

(641996) 10.40 Central Weekend (63701335) 2.05am The Chart Show (6645316) 3.00 Cool Vibes (25104126) 3.05 Dear Nick (5467774) 4.05 Jobfinder (1392855)

5.20 Asian Eye (1183126)

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2.20-3.20 Murder, She Wrote: Magnum on ice starring Angela Lansbury, Tom Selleck and John Hillerman (1238354)

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 Morning (s) (21809) 12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (6022199) 12.05pm Turnabout (s) (9573267) 12.30 Going for a Song (s)(52151) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceetax) and weather (67170). 1.30 Regional News (77606064) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (34484151) 2.00 Pebble Mill-(s) (9762002) 2.40 Bill Campbell and Lysette Anthony." (Ceefax) (s) (4042977) 3.30 The Littlest Pet Shop (s) (5070170) 3.50 Look Sharpi (s) (1497880) 4.05 The All



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7.00 Geg Tag. Bob Monkhouse oversees the guiz for stand-up corrics (Ceefax) (s)

7.30 Tomorrow's World Includes a report on

8.00 Just Good. Friends. Penny - is determined to tell Vince that she wants nothing more to do with him; but where is he? (n) (Ceelad (8809)

celebrities (4204) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional

Moon Over Miami. Light-hearted detective series, with New Popeya Show (2601996) 4.15 Julia Jekyll and Harrist Hyde (Ceefzx) (s) (5640809) 4.30 Mask (Ceefax) (s) (1719575) 4.55 Newsround Epira (Ceefax) (1048441) 5.10 Blue Peter (1790538) 5.35 Neighbours (n) (Ceefax) (s) (494538) N.L. 5.35 Inside Lister 6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceelax) and weather (422) 6.30 Regional news magazines (642)

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plens to anchor an oil rig in the frozen waters off eastern Canada for the first time (Ceetax) (s) (286)

8.30 A Question of Sport. David Coleman fires questions at Bill Beaumont and Ian Bothem and their, teams of sporting,

9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes, Plus, for children, 10.00-10.30 Playdays (s) (25806) 2.00 Johnson and Friends (/) (s) (36692880) 2.10 Open View (10066151) 2.15 Sport on Friday. Masters snopker and FA Cup fourth-round replay highlights (s) (434460) 3.55 News (Ceetar) (1013083)

BBC2

6.00am Open University: The Changing Experience of Education (1650712) 6:50

7.15 See Hear Breaktast News (Certa) (8459170) 7.30 Stingray (r) (Certa) (52248) 8.00 F.O.T. (r) (s) (29335)

8.30 Johnson and Friends (s) (1369354)

Panel Painting (5142002)

8.40 The Record (s) (2541903)

4.00 Snooker --- the Masters (s) (9538) 6.00 The. Munsters: Come Back Little Google (b/w)(Cestad) (496557)

6.25 The New Avengers. Steed, Purdey and Gambit investigate the deaths of several agents. (Ceetax) (855002)

7.15 Electric Circus, Entertainment news and. reviews (s) (645642)

7.30 Sounds of the Eighties. Featuring the

8.00 Top Gear. Motorsport. Reports on Carlos Sainz, the former World Rally

Champion (Ceelax) (s) (9157) 8.30 Gardening from Scratch. Lest in the series (Ceefax) (s) (8286)

9.30 The Fast Show. Comedy sketches Paul Whitehouse (r), (Ceefax) (s) (70557).

The manic Chris Evans is just the man for livening up those parts of the schedule that big audiences do not normally reach. He made, comflakes time a national talking Teerdrop Explodes, the Pogues and the Style Council. (Ceefax) (\$) (828). N.L. 7.30 Hearts and Minds point with The Big Breakfast, switched to Saturday evening to present Don't Forget Your Toothbrush and was called in by Radio

9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt: Father, Reb visits his father's grave and is reunited with his !

long-lost brother. (Ceefax) (s) (1625)

I to reverse its flagging ratings. His latest challenge is the early evening slot, which he is filling with live music, an irreverent look at the week's headlines and visits to far-flung watering holes. Tonight's bands are Skunk Anansie, Bluetones and Count Indigo and the greats are Kathy Lloyd and Dawn French: Most of all the show, full name Thank (Channel) 4 It's Friday, is a vehicle for Evans. If his performances sometimes seem like a triumph of energy over substance, there is no better anchorman.

Paul Merton in Galton and Simpson's ... The Radio Ham ITV, 8.30pm

and they trade insults with the best.

T.F.J. Friday

Channel 4, 6.00pm

The best writing of Ray Galton and Alan Simpson --- and The Radio Ham is certainly that - is not only funny but also exquisitely structured. In a piece of music, themes are jects, our fallen heroes, have been

may be consumed with grief at the moment but I have a sneaking feeling that if and when a new be ready for a little gentle flirting. slowly . . . we)l, who knows? Finally, Thief Takers (ITV) was notable for two things, a technically impressive beginning (a single

between wasn't bad either.

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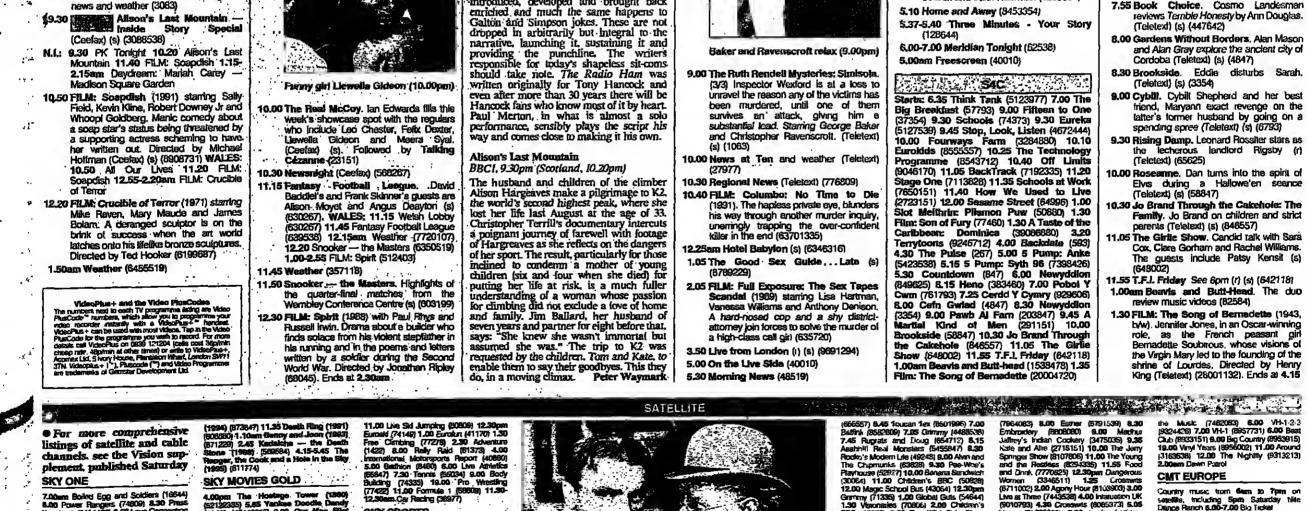
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expressions: "What do you mean,

"marked the end of an era".

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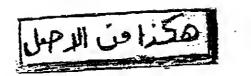
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Organisers suggest UN intervention in World Cup crisis

Cork joins England injury list

BY SIMON WILDE

FIVE days before their open-ing World Cup match, En-gland's cricketers find their fitness concerns assuming worrying proportions. Donu-nic Cork, their principal strike bowler, yesterday left the field after sending down only 13 balls during England's second warm-up match at Aitcheson College, in which they beat the local Lahore side by six wick-

Cork is experiencing pain in the tendon area below his right knee, brought on, basically. by wear and tear. The best cure, as Cork himself knows from similar trouble with his left knee two years ago, is physiotherapy and rest, although he might also require a cortisone injection that would put him out of action for at least a week.

England's first match is against New Zealand in Ahmedabad on Wednesday, their second against United Arah Emirates in Peshawar on Sunday week. While they could afford to be without Cork for



the modest challenge of the Emirates, they would miss him in Ahmedabad.

We will give Dominic three days' rest," Raymond Illingworth, the England manage said yesterday. "We think the knee should settle down during that period. I certainly

hope so. In the past nine months, Cork has been England's leadng bowler, and, in South Africa recently, he bowled twice as many overs in international matches as any of his

injury is likely to take at least a week to mend, hopefully ten days at the worst," Wayne Morton. the England physic therapist, said, "but we will know more in a day or two." The England management is awaiting clarification about a replacement, if one is needed. Illingworth is unsure whether another batsman must be chosen from the 18 names that England submitted to the organisers last month - which would mean a call-up for Mark Ramprakash

- or if others could be considered. If that were the case. Nasser-Hussain would enter the reckoning.

Earlier this week, it was disclosed that Darren Gough is carrying a hamstring injury, although he played yester-day and took one wicket as England restricted their opponents to 166 for nine from 50 overs on a slow pitch.

Their most effective bowlers, though, were Rich-ard Illingworth and Neil Smith. the spinners, who took three for 24 and two for 29

respectively. England's progress, was also slow, the match-winning partnership of 76 between Russell and Fairbrother occupying 23 overs.

The ever-reliable Russell, who scored 60 the day before. made a valuable 38 after yet another middle-order collapse had seen four wickets fall for 12 runs. Hick was out for eight and Thorpe for four. Earlier, Atherton, who top-scored with 41, and Stewart put on 79 for the first wicket.

Jagmohan Dalmiya, the convenor of Pilcom, the organising committee. claimed yesterday that it had asked the International Cricket Council (ICC) to request the United Nations to send an observer to Sri Lanka to MUGLIG safe to stage matches there, after the suicide bombing in Colombo. Australia and West Indies have risked forfeiting fixtures by refusing to play on the island. The ICC's office in London had no knowledge of such a request yesterday, and David Richards, its chief executive, spent the day en route to Calcutta, where a meeting will he held tomorrow to discuss the crisis. Inderijit Singh Bindra, another member of

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Davis finds the cue to heaven after untimely break with past

By PHIL YATES

THOSE casual snooker players who pick up any old cue out of the rack at their local club must wonder what all the fuss is about. Why does Steve Davis, six times a world champion, feel that he is in "heaven" after finding success with a . new one the same weight as his old one and just half an inch longer?

Davis has won 70 tournaments — more than any player in the game - since 1978, but none in the past 13 months. The drought began when he accidentally broke the cue that had brought him all his important titles. Until last month, a coe borrowed from his father had proved a poor substitute, so Davis's cuphoria after his vintage 6-0 victory - using the new cue - over Ken Doherty in file Benson and Hedges Masters at Weinbley earlier this week was understandable. The histories of billiards

and snooker have repeatedly demonstrated that, while a cue alone cannot make a champion, the loss of a champion's old faithful will probably sink him. In 1929, Willie Smith went

to Australia to face the great Walter Lindrum at hilliards. Lindrum was the finest ever exponent of the three ball game, but a group of local gamblers, wishing to give their man an edge, smashed Smith's cue. Years later, aged 90. Smith was asked how he got over it. I never did," he said.

Stephen Hendry would never play a formight's match for a tea service, as

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it, murmuring "My baby," my baby." Hendry's anxiety had been intensified by the knowledge that, three years earlier, Cliff Thorburn, the 1980 world champion, had arrived for a match without his cue, had borrowed another and been whitewashed 5-0.

Having a cue sabotaged or stolen is one thing, but Darren, Morgan's original cue reached the end of its usefulness at the hands of his father, who smashed it over his knee during an argument Later, Morgan Sr threw the replacement javelin-like out of the house. It landed, tip down at the bottom of the garden no damage was done and, a few months later, his son used it to win the 1987 world amateur championship.

The rules are straightforward when it comes to a cue's dimensions. It has to be at least 3ft long and "must conform to the accepted shape and design". The

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ther soreness. If England are to enjoy a successful World Cup. Cork must play a central role because their bowling resources are thin.

Robin Smith, who sustained a groin strain completing a catch during his side's first warm-up game, on Wednesday, was yesterday ruled out of England's first two matches and a decision as to whether he stays with the party will be made at the weekend.

The signs for Smith were not hopeful yesterday. "The

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the organising committee, held out little hope of a solution. "I am not aware of any compromise formula, it's too late for that," he said yesterday. "We will not shift matches out of Sri Lanka. The only choice before Australia

and West Indies is to fulfil their commitments." Glenn Turner, the coach of New Zealand, who arrived in Bombay on Wednesday, spoke confidently yesterday of his side's prospects. In recent months, New Zealand have said. "To be without two of our

played one-day series against India and Pakistan, losing the first narrowly and drawing the second, despite Turner introducing new players. "We could not have hoped for a better build-up," Turner

the past few years, Martin Crowe and Mark Greatbatch, is a big blow, but ours is a young side that can make up for their absence."

titles six months . carlier, walked into a hotel restauraut looking desperate. He

most outstanding batsmen of had left his cue unattended for a counic of minutes and was dinging to the hope that its subsequent disappearance was some sort of illjudged practical joke. It soon proved not to be so.

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umitrescu denied work permit

now in limbo, and he knows, unless it is sorted out, he must

Hottiger and Dumitrescu

had been given permits when

they first came to Great Brit-

ain to join Newcastle United

and Tottenham Hotspur, re-

spectively. They have now fallen foul of the rule that

requires them to play 75 per

cent of their team's games, even though the Football Asso-

ciation and the Premier

League are understood to have

leave the country in June."

BY PETER BALL AND DAVID MADDOCK

THE Bosman decision may have opened the gates to footballers from countries within the European Community, but the Department of Employment is beginning to flex its muscles over other nationalities. Yesterday, it re-fused work permits to Marc Hottiger, the Switzerland international full back at Everton, and Ilie Dumitrescu. West Ham United's Romania international.

"We will fight this all the way," Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, said last night. "You are talking about two world class players here, and I'm not happy about it. I never expected a problem with a work permit, but we won't leave it at that."

Eventon were equally unhappy. "We are very, very disappointed, and are now considering our options and response," Michael Dunford. the Everton secretary, said. "It is possible we will request

further discussion with the

Hottiger: not enough games department. Marc's career is

approved their applications for a renewal. The Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), however, protective of home-grown talent, was less supportive. Hottiger joined Everton three weeks ago for £700,000. He played 51 games for Newcastle last season, but fell foul of the three foreigners

rule in the pre-Bosman days of this season, with Ginola, Al-bert, Gillespie and Srnicek taking preference. Even so, the department's statement that "he had only played in 60 per cent of Newcastle's games in the last

overseas player cannot afford a spell out of form or out of

"Dumitrescu has played for his country regularly, he has been outstanding in the World Cup," Redknapp said. "He

has not played enough games for Tottenham, but that is why players appear on the transfer list. Tottenham bought Ruel Fox because he wasn't getting a game at Newcastle; I sold Don Hutchison to Sheffield United because he wasn't in our team."

Claudio Branco, the Brazil international full back, agreed 18-month contract with Middlesbrough yesterday, but that deal, too, is subject to the player being granted a work permit. Branco has 83 caps to his credit but has appeared infrequently for his country in

recent seasons. He would appear, though, to have the support of the PFA - asignificant factor. Faustino Asprilla is the next player with an appointment at the Department of Employ-ment. The Colombia interna-

tional completed his £6.7 million move to Newcastle vesterday. There should be no doubts about that one - at least as long as he keeps a place in the team.

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FA Cup chaos, page 36

Catt presents England with dilemma

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

MIKE CATT has thrown a further twist into what has already been a tortuous rugby union season for England by telling Bath that he seeks to play full back. Ostensibly, that is good news for the English selectors, who yesterday announced a 35-strong training squad, but not if Catt spends the remainder of the season playing second-team rugby.

Last year, he played two internationals at stand-off half, but it is as a full back that he first appeared on the international scene and Catt has decided that his future lies in a No 15 shirt.

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international, at full back and Callard is preferred for the Pilkington Cup fifthround tie at Wakefield tomorrow. Catt takes his place in the second-team game with Orrell.

"The only way for me to contribute to the expansive game England want to play

Wales see virtue of youth

in the next World Cap is to get used to playing that way at full back regularly for Bath," Catt said. "I am a better full back than stand-off, but i might be in the second team all season."

If Callard, 30 and capped five times, has anything to do with it. he will be. "I've

on with it," he said. "No one person is bigger than the club and none of us is indispensable. I wouldn't say this challenge was too daunting."

Three full backs are named in the England squad to train at Marlow on Tuesday, Tim Stimpson joining Callard and Catt; but, if Catt cannot oust his colleague over the next forthight, England will have a hard decision to make when they name the XV to play Scotland at Murrayfield on March 2. However, irregular appearances in the Bath front row last season did not prevent John. Mallen, the prop. carning a place in England's World Cup squad.

The training squad promotes three England A forwards — David Sims, Garath Archer and Richard Cockerill —

nd during that tour but he has suffered the same ; authorities felt it necessary kind of loss. In 1990, during to introduce any legislation only after the Alec Brown a tournament in Reading, Hendry, who had captured fountain pen incident in the first of his five world 1938.

Brown was playing at Thurston's, the professional showcase of the game in Leicester Square, when, with the cue-ball marooned in the middle of the pack of reds, he produced a pen-like cue of no more than five inches, complete with tip. The cue, made by his father, allowed a potentially tricky Hendry was frantic enough shot to be played with case, for his manager to offer a E10,000 reward. but the referee awarded a foul, ruling that the imple-The exact circumstances ment was outside the spirit, surrounding the return of the cue, that has been the if not the letter, of the law. Davis will have no such decisive instrument in the

problem when he faces Alan McManus at Wembley today. To the television viewer, his cue will look like any other: but to Davis, it will look like the only one in the world.

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faced challenges before, but I've got to get and also includes Tony Underwood .

12 months, not the required 75 per cent", seems harsh. The department's position over Dumitrescu, who has

been out of favour at Totreoham since the departure of Osvaldo Ardiles as manager. is more comprehensible, but the implications are that an



Chinese nuclear sale damages relations with US

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

TENSIONS between China and the United States are escalating on several fronts. They took another unsettling turn yesterday with revela-tions that Peking has sold nuclear weapons technology to Pakistan. That could lead to Washington imposing sanc-tions running to billions of dollars, but President Clinton may waive the penalties for the sake of American jobs and to avoid making links even more strained

The nuclear proliferation issue comes on top of other flashpoints, including human rights abuses, China's sabrerattling over Taiwan and its continued piracy of American software, music and videos.

There is a strong chance that China could become an election issue for Mr Clinton. His campaign taunt four years ago that President Bush was coddling the "butchers" of Peking could be hurled back by Republican foes.

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states was yesterday strengthened by a fresh attempt to crack down in the troubled

The Government has

arrested a prominent lawyer

and writer on the ground of

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Mr Chinton is onder presof nuclear weapons comes sure not to impose sanctions on China from Boeing, Wesbefore business interests. "Failure to impose sanctions. tinghouse and other big corpowould make the world a more rations whose orders from dangerous place," said Nancy Peking account for thousands Pelosi, a liberal Democrat and of jobs. But China has been China specialist on the House intelligence committee. In fact, business links beidentified by the CIA as selling specialised magnets needed to refine weapons-grade urani-um to Pakistan, Under American laws, Mr Clinton could retaliate by cutting off all US government loan guarantees amounting to nearly \$10 bil-lion (£6.5 billion) to American companies doing business with China.

To waive these sanctions, Mr Clinton would have to declare that the business deals billion.

were vital to American national interests. The decision poses a quandary for the President. To impose sanctions would worsen relations with China and upset Ameri-

tween China and America have become so intertwined that both nations would suffer if global politics and confrontation were allowed to intrude, Last year the United States exported goods and services worth more than \$12 billion to - China, accounting for 200,000 American jobs, while Chinese exports approached \$40

This huge trade deficit is further stoked by China's re-fusal to honour an agreement reached a year ago to shut more than 30 factories churning out illegal copies of American CDs, videos and computer

the piracy ceases he will impose 100 per cent duoies on more than a billion dollars in Chinese exports. China appears unwilling to compromise in return for any

has warned China that unless trade from human rights issues, yet China continues its crack down on dissidents and other abuses. In Washington this week, Li

Zhaoxing, the Chinese deputy Foreign Minister, insisted that the technology sales to Pakistan and elsewhere in the Middle East were purely for

peaceful noclear co-operation, a claim America rejects. He blamed Washington for the first time next month. US intelligence believes that downturn in relations, citing China will stage military exer-Taiwan as an example. Peking still lays claim to

cises near the island to intimidate its leaders. US officials Taiwan as a renegade provwarned China that any unproince and refuses to rule out voked attack would have force to retake it. China is grave consequences. agitated over Taiwan moves

Taiwanese soldiers practise hand-to-hand combat during military exercises in the east coast city of Hualien towards democracy. with vot-ers electing a president for the

China is planning major military exercises near Taiwan. but President Clinton said yesterday he was confident that there would be no mili-

Peking issues

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OVERSEAS NEWS

weapons warning

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

CHINA said yesterday that the United States must stop selling advanced weapons to Taiwan if tensions between Peking and Taipei are to be eased, and it urged the Taiwanese authorities to abandon efforts to break out of diplomade isolation.

Shan Goulang, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, reiterat-ed Peking's commitment to peaceful reunification with Taiwan, but underlined China's threat to invade Taiwan if the island was attacked or if Tainei abandoned its avowed goal of reunification and declared its independence.

"The United States must not sell large amounts of advanced weapons to Taiwan for tensions to be eliminated." Mr Shen said.

Reports have suggested that tary conflict because too much was at stake.



BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR THE spectre of Islamic unrest Gulf, has blamed Iran for the unrest and accused it of stirring op anti-government

Gulf and threatening the con-servative rulers of the oil-rich Muslim clergy it: accused of pro-Iranian sedition, said Tehran had incited the protests. The security officials said Mr Shamlan had links inciting sabotage and arson, a. and contacts with terrorist organisations abroad, and said that they would, when questioning ended, "provide full evidence supported by who said that several suspects documents to the legal authorities"..... Iran has conducted a viru-

violence. Yesterday Bahrain, which has deported three dissident

.ing that he had taken part in nent Sanni Muslim to be which now sees Iran as the arrested since unrest at the. greatest threat to its as the recent sabotage attacks and , lent radio propaganda camend of 1994, largely inspired in the region. There is little by Shia calls for an end to evidence that Tehran has been actively conducting a discrimination against the campaign of subversion, al-Shia majority and a restoraIF I'D KNOWN I WAS GOING TO HAVE A STROKE,

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tion of the 1975 con The crackdown comes as Bahraio's neighbours are

growing increasingly oervous the demonstrations. about Crown Prince Abdullah, the Regent of Saudi Arabia, said in one of his first foreign policy announcements that the riots on the island were unacceptable and the instigators should be dealt with. The six-member Gulf Cooperation Council, which groups Saudi Arabia and conservative states in the

pelled from Bahrain last week There is mounting evidence that conservative Gulf rulers are taking fright at moves for. more democracy and are putting pressure on neigh-bouring countries to clamp down on press and persona freedoms. Kuwaiti officials say they have been warned not to move any further in extending democratic rights because of the dangerous

example this set.

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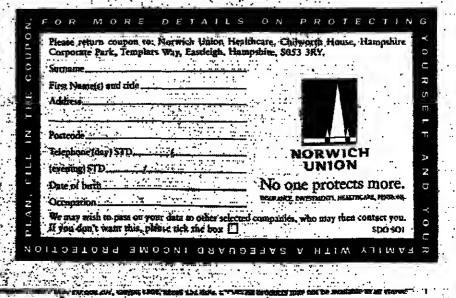
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EUROPEAN NEWS

Kohl calls for more sacrifices as jobless top four million

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT KOHL the German Chancellor, was attacked in parliament vesterday after the announcement that the number of unemployed had jumped well over the psychologically important level of four million and was worse than at any time since 1948.

The leap to 4.16 million was blamed partly on unusually cold weather, but the trend was unmistakable: it was the sixth monthly increase in a row. Despite a government action plan, worked out with the tentarive agreement of the unions, the employment situation is unlikely to improve much this year.

This week Grundig, once a household name in electronics, announced the cutting of another 3,000 jobs, and Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister. unveiled plans to reduce 7,000 public-sector jobs, including a 20 per cent cut in the number of German spies. The Chancellor told parlia-

ment that his plans to cut taxes and stimulate growth would eventually make an impact on unemployment levels, but that everybody had to be prepared to make sacrifices and contribute to reforms. He let out some of his old animosity for Baroness Thatcher as he defended his cuts in social spending. He was not, he said, about to destroy the welfare state, "We never thought the example of Thatcher was something suitable for German conditions.

Bonn: A European Commis-

sioner yesterday sharply criti-cised Bonn for its laggardly

implementation of European

The reprimand by Mario

Monti, the Commissioner re-

sponsible for the internal

market, came as three Ger-

man federal states looked set

to face the European Court of

Justice for banning the import

Addressing an audience at

Bonn University, he struck a

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laws (Roger Boyes writes).

ment-creation measures in an-BLEAK PROSPECT ticipation of the record unemployment level. Neither the

 Mechanical engineering: Production is up 7 per leaders of the 16 federal state cent. but the number of jobs governments, nor the Bunddropped by 10,000 in the past year. Building: 5,500 bank-

unhappy. ruptcies were reported last year and more thao 6,000 Bernhard Jagoda, head of the Federal Labour Office, are expected this year. At least 90.000 jobs are expectsaid the unemployment rate had risen to 10.8 per cent from ed to go this year. Car industry: It is esti-mated that 100,000 jobs will 9.9 per cent in December. The increase was more steep in eastern Germany — a 42,000 jump to 1.17 million — probabe lost in manufacturing and the spare parts sector

bly because of the large numbetweeo now and 2000. ber of construction workers Electronics: the indostry being laid off. In western lost 230,000 jobs between Germany, where the worst affected areas were the Ruhr, Z1990 and last year. More are expected to go this year. Retail trade: Between Lower Saxony and Bremen, 30,000 and 40,000 jobs are to be cut this year. In the previous two years 90,000

We have completely different ideas of social obligations." The unemployment figures were anticipated by the markets and the politicians, but they did nothing to dull the anger of debate or reduce the sense of hopelessness about

iobs were lost.

the economic slowdown. Last week the Chancellor brought together unions, employers and the Government to devise a package of incentives for businessmen, to map out welfare cuts and employ-

integration to lag behind in this way," he said. According to statistics, Ger-

many has only applied 89 per

cent of the measures needed

to complete the European

Union's single market; well

behind most members. "What

we need is a strong signal

from Germany ... and giving

an example to other member

He mentioned Bonn's fail-

ure to implement laws on free

competition in public pro-

curement contracts. There

states," Signor Monti said.

unemployment has risen to 2.67 million Herr Kohl has promised to create two million new jobs by 2000, but there is no sign that employers have been encouraged by his rather vague initiative. First, there is a suspicion the Chancellor merely wants to ensure that the Social Democrats do not monopolise the

Social Democrats, nor the

esbank were invited to the round table and all are

employment issue. There are three regional elections next month, providing an impor-tant indicator to the Chancellor's future. Second, many employers believe that the unions are arguing on the basis of topsy-turvy economics. Union negotiators say that, since high labour costs

are causing unemployment, then lower real wages should translate into new jobs. Many employers claim it will be difficult to keep em-

ployment levels, even at their present level. David Herman, chairman of Opel, speaks for

many employers when he says that unions will have to accept not only the principle of wage restraint but a lower standard of living across the board. There is a basic resistance lo big cuts in welfare spending. Rudolf Scharping, the Social

Democrats' parliamentary leader, last night accused the vesterday. Chancellor of deserting his responsibility to generate ecoendangered the process.

withdrawing their forces from

The thorniest issue is the prosecution of war criminals. International mediators have consistently insisted that bringing suspected war criminais to justice is essential to the peace process. But Nato officials, who have to walk a fine line between two former warring factions and who must negotiate with the Serbs,

say hunting war criminals is harmful to the peace process.

the war crimes tribunal, their moral crusade is premature because it is very damaging to . the peace process," a Nato official said.

In a move that has outraged the Bosnian Serb leadership, Bosnian government police arrested II Bosnian Serbs and accused them of war crimes. The Serbs allegedly strayed into government territory. General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military com-mander, has suspended con-

At the same time Nato armoured personnel carriers were deployed in Mostar to restrain a conflict between Muslims and Croats. Bosman Croats occupied the European Union office on Wednesday, smashing windows in protest against plans to unify the

wn. The flare-up threatens to undermine the coalition of Muslims and Croats brokered in 1994. The union is essential to preserving Bosnia as a

machismo gets tough on rape

PROM RICHARD OWEN. IN ROME

trenched male attitudes to-

debate on sex crime legisla-

wards women are changing. After 16 years of fruitless

A NEW law redebining rape and introducing tougher penalties, for sex offences, was greeted yesterday by Italian feminists as a sign that en

The harbour of Dubrovnik before it was attacked by the Yugoslav Army in 1991. The cost of restoring the city has been estimated at £178 million Prince inspects restoration of battered Dubrovnik

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN DURBOWNIK

THE Prince of Wales, champion of European architecture, yesterday inspected restoration work on one of the innocent victims of the Balkans war, the ancient walled city of Dubrovnik.

Wrapped in a heavy overcoat, the Prince saw how the so-called pearl of the Adriatic is slowly being pieced together again after fierce bombardment by the Yugoslav Army in 1991-92. The city, which welcomed 850,000 visitors in the year before the conflict, out the bombardment, it received more hopes that its shattered tourist busithan 2,200 direct artillery hits. ness will soon be restored. The Prince

The massive 15th-century city walls withstood the onslaught well, despite taking 147 hits, but 563 buildings were is the first member of the Royal Family to make an official visit to Croatia since it was recognised as an independent state by the European Union in shelled within the city walls. 438 roofs January 1992. He was welcomed at the were damaged, delicate stone carving was shattered by shrapnel, and nine, city's recently reopened airport by Zlatko Matesa, the Prime Minister. Dubrovnik was first attacked, from the sea and from the mountains, by

buildings were destroyed. As the shells were falling; the Prince was addressing a meeting of the European Environ-15,000 soldiers of the Yugoslav Army, mental Bureau in Brussels, appealing to the world not to stand idly by....' "We have no claim to regard supported by Serbian and Montenegrin troops in September 1991. The worst day was in December of that year, when more than 1,000 shells fell on the city within 24 hours. Through-

ourselves as in any way more civilised in this day and age if we have to witness the dismemberment of a unique city like Dubrovnik." he said at the time

Yesterday Nikola Obuljen, the Mayor, told the Prince that the cost of restoration had been estimated at \$274 million (£178 million) and the work would take 25 years. About \$30 million has so far been spent, mainly on emergency roof repairs. Among the casualties, which the Prince inspected, were a 15th-century fountain still displaying damage, the Franciscan monastery which took 37 hits, and the small baroque Festival Palace.

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The Prince later flew to Split to meet British Army back-up units of the UN Implementation Force stationed at the Divulje barracks. He is due to meet other British units in Sarajevo today.

Atrocity' crusade endangers Bosnia deal Land of

itical issues on two fronts have

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO THE Bosnian peace process is in jeopardy due to the moral crusading of the war crimes

tribunal and a potential breakdown of the Muslim-Croat Federation that is a cornerstone of the Dayton agree-ment, Nato officials said

The military aspects of the Nato-enforced peace in Bosnia have taken hold with all sides

designated zones before sched-

uled deadlines. However, pol-

is certainly not compatible were 54 new complaints with Germany's leading role against Bonn last year, the in the process of European most against any EU state.

Reprimand for Bonn

nomic progress in a way "intimately links it to social justice".

THE SUNDAY TIMES WHY MAKING BABIES **IS SO DIFFICULT** THE SUADAY TIMES BY Evidence suggests that the human race is becoming infertile. This weekend The Sunday Times Magazine investigates a worrying global phenomenon as more and more couples resort to costly scientific treatments to have children

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Split widens in Spanish ranks over plan for single currency.

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS AND EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

EMERGING doubts in Spain European monetary have been given vivid oice with a scathing attack by Miguel Boyer, the former Socialist Finance Minister, who helped shape the singlecurrency project with Jacques Delors, the last European Commission President the EMU bloc. Senor Boyer, who was one of the committee of "wise men" who drafted plans for economic and monetary union (EMU) in the late 1980s. denounced what he called the "idol of Maastricht" as a ploy,

with potentially devastating consequences, which would mainly benefit Germany and "Never has so much damage been done to so many next month's elections. by so few fanatics." he said. Although Senor Boyer left office in 1986 and is now In Brussels and Bonn, the cracks appearing in Spain's hitherto seamless pro-Eurofinancial director of a big construction firm, his European consensus are put down

to fears of exclusion from the pean antecedents gave weight to his anti-EMU outburst, initial intake of EMU mem-bers in 1998. Spain now meets

delivered to 500 husinessmen none of the EMU criteria, although its debt ratio is close in Madrid. His attack follows signs of wavering commit-ment to EMU in the Socialist to the 60 per cent of gross domestic product prescribed Party of Felipe González, the Prime Minister, and business in the Maastricht treaty. Its budget deficit, however, is still worries that Spain's weak economy may doom it to a over double the 3 percent of GDP required next year for second-class existence outside entry.

Señor Boyer said "monetary Last month Carlos Westendorp, the Foreign Min-ister, spoke of a crisis of confidence in Europe and aired the possibility of a delay in the clanged Logmore 1900 union is more of a political than an economic objective. The very short calendar (to introduce the euro) could re-sult in being so harmful that, by adhering to it, the very process of European union in the planned January 1999 launch. But Señor Gonztalez and José-Maria Aznar, leader could be damaged." of the opposition Popular Par-ty, are proclaiming strong commitment to EMU before Summing up, he said: "I do not share the dream of many technocrats and certain elite

politicians of maintaining to the death a fiction about dates and conditions of convergence, hoping to catch nations by surprise with economic and monetary union, the signifi-cance and costs of which they do not know."

tion, women MPs forced through a Bill overturning a Mussolini-cra law defining rape as "a crime against public morality". The Bill, which has yet to pass through the Senate, describes acts of sexual violence as crimes against the person, a much more serious charge. It also guarantees legal aid for race victims and raises the minimum sentence for convicted rapists from three years to five. The maximum sentence remains ten years.

Controversially, the new law legalises sex between con-senting minors aged between 13 and 16. An earlier version had proposed legalising sex from 12 years. Catholics are still troubled by the move, and one right-wing MP and law-yer. Raffaele della Valle, of Forza Italia, denounced the provision as a "teenage free love charter".

Alessandra Mussolini, the grand-daughter of the Duce and a prominent member of the "post-Fascist" Allianza Nazionale, said the new law on rape was a victory for women. Maria Rita Parsi, a 🗧 leading feminist and psycholo-gist, said simply: "Italy has now joined the civil society."

French mourn end of 2CV love affair

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

France.

SHE was hardly a thing of beauty. She was unstable. She was slow. She was cheap. But, like all the best love stories, France did not know quite how much it loved the Citroen 2CV until she was gone. Exactly five years after the last of these peculiar vehicles trundled off the factory floor and into myth. Jacques Wolgensinger, the former press officer at Citroen, has written a book looking back over a strange love affair

between a country and a car. Entitled The 2CV: We Were So In Love, M Wolgensinger's is the work of a man besotted and in mourning. The 2CV's designers, he recalls, had

intended to create a car that could go the same speed as a horse, or at most twice as fast, that would be economical, peasant to mend. reliable and unglamorous, but the vehicle was widely regarded as a joke when it was first unveiled. Thousands queued up to giggle at it. Pierre Boulanger, the inentor, had decreed that the

CITROEN The 2CV, considered a joke when unveiled in 1948

and the public at the Paris motor show in 1948. "Merde alors, it is hideous," one car should have a bouncy suspension that would enable it to carry eggs across rough terrain without scrambling witness remarked. The then them, while being mechani President. Vincent Auriol, stared dubiously at the cally simple enough for a French car of the future and A grey, bulbous object, with a single headlight sticking out said "Homph" several times. But within a very few years on a stalk and a wafer thin body that dented alarmingly, the 2CV had ceased to be a mere farmer's tool and had the first 2CV, received an become a cherished part of equivocal response when it the French landscape, a cult was presented to dignitaries symbol that everyone could

afford. The Thompson twins in the Tintin cartoon series drive a 2CV, while in the film For, Your Eyes Only James Bond escapes in one. Brighte Bardot drove a 2CV, and the transcontinental races involv-ing the tough little car, which M Wolgensinger organised, increased its cachet.

M Wolgensinger reveals the 2CV in all its many shapes, colours and incarnations - converted into a boat. a bus, rolling along a high-wire and dangling from a building.

But new laws on safety and pollution spelled the end of the affair, and in the hard, fast world of car production the

"Anyone who has driven 2CV knows that it is both more and less than a car," M Wolgensinger writes This little motor is an expression of the soul. Along the thousand paths of the human memory, she is rolling still, unstoppably, into the eternity of remembrance and the glory of lost youth."

soft, slow, coughing 2CV could no longer keep up. The last one was made in 1990.

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Buchanan attacks pig factories as he cultivates Iowa

FROM TOM RHODES IN DES MORNES

PAT BUCHANAN is riding high on the hog in Iowa. The firebrand commentator rarely misses the opportunity to play to a local audience, and pigs are a big issue in the Midwest heartland these days.

During the next four days the beasts may assume a pivotal role in the nomination of a Republican presidentialcandidate and a place in the American psyche not seen since the release of the film Babe. Mr Buchanan, fresh from a stunning victory over Senator Phil Gramm in Louisiana this week, has wasted little time in focusing his campaign on the mais of the state's booming swine indus-invaded by giant hog lots, massive porcine warehouses where pigs are born, fed and mated, then led to the slaughter. "It's hellish bad for the environment, and I think these hog farms threaten the very existence of the lowa family farmer," Mr Buchanan said on cue to the assembled gathering at a drah Howard Johnsoo motel on the outskirts

of Des Moines. He rails against the putrid odours emanating from factory farms, making the issue reminiscent of the criticism he directed against Bill Clinton in 1992 over the environmentalproblems caused by the Ar-kansas poultry industry, and depicts himself as the farmers' only ally against the cult of "efficiency and giganticism" in the heartland,

It is a popular theme for Mr Buchanan and one that dove-

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tails nearly into his protectionist America First, manira, leading swiftly to attacks on the United Nations, the World Trade Organisation and what he claims are the false promises of the North American

Free Trade Agreement. Every four years states such as lows that play an early and significant role in the presidential campaign manage to impose their own slanted perspective on American politics. Stirred by intimate encounters between politicians and the electorate, there is no plainer

6 Republican caucuses are the perfect vehicles for the birth

of an issue 7 way for voters to remind

presidential aspirants that they have a say in what is important.

This year, when the campaign is locked on national themes such as the flat tax, a. balanced federal budget, abortion and anti-Washington sentiments, encroaching hog lots could be seen as a distracting local sideshow or, in the case. of Mr Buchanan, a suitable opportunity to stump up votes. As Steve Forbes and Senator

Robert Dole, the two main contenders for the Republican

Lois Lane dropped Superman once before, in 1958

. throne, blitz the airwaves with personal attacks on each others values and the muchvaunted flat tax, Mr Buchanan is considering a series of advertisements about pigs. . The caucuses are the perfeet vehicle for the birth of an

issue," said Peverill Squire, a political scientist from the University of Iowa. "If you can find-the right cause to rallypeople around, you have a ready-made, committed group. of voters." Although Iowa is flat and friendly and the people bere

still value their pork tenderloin sandwiches, the religious Right now controls more than 40 per cent of the lowa Republican Party. Mr Buchanan, Alan Keyes, the black former UN ambassador, and Robert Doman, the California congressmen, are viewed as the only resolute pro-life candidates able to attract a consolidated evangelical vote but, along with Mr Dole and Senator Phil Gramm, they have divided the once powerful Christian vote.

Mr Buchanan, a voice for America's angry white males, who is trying to unite Reagan Democrats and former antigovernment supporters of Texas millionaire Ross Perot. under his banner, is hoping the Christians will also coalesce behind him, as they did in Louisiana. Experts believe his extreme views and lack of organisation are unlikely to curry favour in Iowa. However, surveys show that more than a third of the 120,000 likely to attend the 2,041 local

precinct meetings on Monday are still undecided. The latest poll by the University of lowa has shown a flagging Mr Dole leading Mr Forbes by a margin of 8 per cent, with Lamar Alexander, the former Tennessee Governor. Mr Gramm and Mr Buchanan running almost

prices and government subsiweak ride to the New Hampshire primary later this month. Mr Dole must gain more than the 38 per cent he achieved in 1988. The Senate Majority Leader hopes the passage of a farm Bill in the Senate this week, breaking the age-old link between farm

dies, will prove popular with his lead.

farmers in lowa and reinforce

That, of course, leads voters back to the tortured question of the pig and the possibility that Mr Buchanan may do better in this state than the experts believe.

'Broke' Clinton's secret windfall pays legal fees FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

MONTH after President Clinton claimed his legal bills had left him broke. It has emerged that he has received a

secret windfall. Several years before he won the White House Mr Clinton bought two "liability" insur-ance policies of a sort favoured by professionals whose work could give rise to lawsuits. The President has now quietly claimed for the cost of defending himself against sexual harassment charges filed by Paula Jones, a former Arkansas state employee, and been paid a total of \$900,000

(E564.000). With the \$865,000 already collected by the President's legal defence fund, that payment will go a fair way towards meeting bills of more than \$2 million run up by the \$400-an-hour lawyers the Clintons have retained to defend them in the Whitewater The Wall Street Journal,

which broke the story yesterday, said it was unclear whether Mr Clinton knew of the insurance payment when he told a White House press conference on January II that he was practically insolvent. "I feel badly that 20 years of hard effort and savings may go away," he said.

If Mr Clinton did know, he was clearly seeking to stir up public sympathy when he and his wife, Hillary, were facing renewed atlacks over Whitewater, Robert Bennett, the head of Mr Clinton's defence team, said he had notified the two insurance companies early last year of the President's possible claims but Mr Clinton "certainly has

not been focusing" on them.

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it was also unclear what arguments Mr Bennett used to persuade the two insurance companies. State Farm and Pacific Indemnity, to pay up. Few liability policies explicitly cover sexual harassment, but as the Journal noted, "it may make things easier when the lawyer's client is the President of the US".

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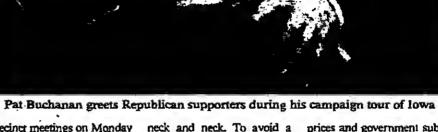
Ms Jones has filed a \$700.000 suit against Mr Clinton which alleges that, when he was Arkansas Governor, he asked a state trooper to bring her up to his hotel room, propositioned her and made reckless" and "persistent" advances when she turned him down. Mr Clinton has strenuously denied her allegations. An Arkansas judge ruled

that the case could not be heard unol Mr Clinton's presidency was over, but an appeals court overturned that ruling last month. Mr Clinion's lawyers plan to go to the Supreme Court if necessary to prevent the case being heard while he is still President.

Mr Bennett said he did not know whether the insurance money would cover all Mr Clinton's legal bills in the Jones case, or whether it would cover any damages against the President if the case were to succeed. It would not cover any of his

Whitewater expenses. The first policy was taken out in February 1991, three months before the alleged harassment. The second was not taken out until September 1994, but it covers legal costs incurred by the President in defending himself against Ms Jones's charges that he and his aides defamed her after she filed her lawsuit.

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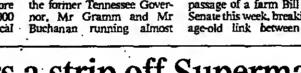
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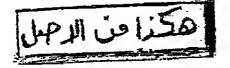
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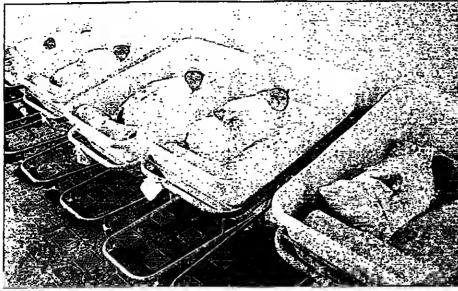
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The stolen babies of Lvov David



Doctors made newborn babies "disappear" by erasing all traces of their existence

Baby-smuggling is now big business in Ukraine. **RICHARD BEESTON travelled there and met one of** its tragic victims, brain-damaged Aleksandr Brooks, who was sent back by the Americans who adopted him

n a forgotten corner of a Ukrainian hospital ward Aleksandr Brooks looks out from his dirty cot on a grim world he will never comprehend. His blue eyes dart from side 10 side in steady rhythm, his hands twitch uncontrollably and his

tiny voice emits a high-pitched squeak

He has no toys, no visitors and only the bare green hospital walls for company. The overworked hospital staff are not even sure of his name, so he is routinely called the "American baby". They say he only seems happy when he sleeps.

Seeing him there heart-wrenching: listening to the history of his short but eventful life is even more so. Since his birth three years ago in the dence chaos, and still suffering the after-effects of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster a decade ago, the plight of one child does not rate high on the list of priorities. But the story behind Alek-

sandr is ugly. It involves the



local health inspector, explains: "A terrible crime was committed against the children of Lvov by the people entrusted with their care, and this child is their most tragic victim. I hope the people responsible will be punished." Ever since he was tipped off 18 anonymously

months ago, Dr Kolesnik has worked doggedly to expose a smuggling ring involving doctors, local officials, and even senior figures in the Government in

Kiev. In spite of attempts to hush up the scandal, which even led to the shooting two months ago of the chief criminal prosecutor on the case, Pylypchuk, fgor investigation the has now widened across the country. ft is believed that 802 children may

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Vladimir Dorochenko: As head of Lvov's main maternity centre he was known to a generation of mothers as a trusted and respected member of the city's medical profession. But after his arrest last year by police investigating the disap-pearance of newborn babies, he was identified as the ring-leader of a trade in children worth tens of thousands of pounds. He is suspected of faisifying the medical documents of 30 to 40 children who were then illegally sold to American couples for adoption.



Luamilla Ornst Expectant mothers due to give birth in the small regional hospital of Kamyanka-Buzka near Lvov always looked forward to a visit from Dr Ornst, the deputy head physician A young mother of three with a kindly smile and . sympathetic bedside manner, she lavished attention on the poores girls. It was only when she was picked out in anidentity parade by Natasha Osipova that her real identity was exposed. Far from being dicated doctor, she was a key figure ha procuring babies from vulnerable women for

city of Lvov he has had two mothers and two fathers. has travelled to America and back and has had tens of thousands of dollars spent on him.

Tragically, for this tiny blond-haired child, the money and attention is the cause of his problems. Now brain-damaged and aban-

doned, he is destined to spend the rest of his years in the care of Ukraine's overstretched state institutions. In a country crippled by

poverty and post-indepen-



Natasba Osipova wants her daughter back

illegal sale of babies by corrupt doctors and officials to the West, and the wholesale deception of their impoverished mothers, who were told that their newborns had died. or would have a better life being brought up by the State. As Dr Vladimir Kolesnik, a each.

towering church spires, has now been exposed as

one of the most active centres of the adoption racket. Here more than 130 newborn babies have been stolen either from their mothers, or from the care of the State, and sold to American, German and Italian cou-

women are too ashamed or frightened to come forward. ples for as much as \$40,000 being told.

how the operation worked. According to documents

Born on a hitterly cold Decem-ber day in 1992 to Hala Pup, an impoverished single moth-er, the premature, 3lb baby

was exactly what the dealers were looking for. It took Dr Vladimir Dorochenko, the head of the maternity centre, little effort to persuade the mother to sign away her parental rights and turn the tiny, ailing child over to his care. Once her consent

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the mounting medical bills, hood on the southern edge of costing several thousand dol- ... Lvov, she was pressured again lars a month.

We no longer had the ability financially or emotionally to provide the care required, said Mr Brooks, who added that he believed his adopted son would receive better treatment in Ukraine than in the US. "Sending himback was the hardest thing I have ever done. It was not done willingly or happily." Although none of the Western couples adopting the child-

ren were aware that they were .

as Emilia Danzig of Cleveland, Ohio. Lvov, she was pressured again.

and again to sign her son over to the authorities. There was no room here at the time so I reluctantly agreed," she said. "Later they told me he had died." In fact.

her son is alive. Now called Brent Hanson, he is being raised by his adoptive parents on a sheep farm in Towa.... Natasha Osipova: never meant to give birth in Lvov. Journeying by train in Decem-ber 1993, she went into labour and headed for the nearest

The scale of the baby-smuging operation, and evidence that corrupt senior officials collaborated by signing adoption papers, initially shocked Ukraine, where Western couples are now banned from adopting children.

the smuggling racket.

"Ukraine was thrown back into the Middle Ages when its neighbours took Ukrainian babies, as the Turks did to fill the ranks of their militia." said Yevhen Krasłyakov, a Comdeputy speaking at a beated debate on munist

the subject in the Ukrainian parliament earlier this year

However, any hopes that the real colorits will be brought to trial or that the trade has finally . been stamped out raises only a cynical shrug from most of Lvov's long-suffering people, grown used to widespread government ruption and unchecked gangsterule. Part of the scepticism derives from the fact that there is no law against selling children, and the three doctors now under arrest are being investigated only for falsifying documents.

"We had eight prominent members of the city gunned down last year in gangster shootings and no one has been arrested," said Igor Pochenok, the editor of the weekly Express newspaper. People here have become accus tomed to the crimi-

nais getting away with their terrible crimes."

As for baby Aleksandr, he at least has one person who is still willing to stand up for his rights.

"I am not speaking as a Ukrainian or a doctor, just as a human being," said Or Kolesnik. "I am going to make sure that those responsible pay for their crime and that the American couple, while not criminally at fault, are made to realise they are morally guilty.

But as long as people continue to pay for children, there will always be a market for them.

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Although Aleksandr was now very sick and irreparably brain-dam-aged, the sale still went ahead. Complete with his new identity he was flown out of Ukraine for deliv-They preyed on ery to his new adopthe destitute, tive parents in Massachusetts. The American persuading them couple, Peter and Katie Brooks, both to turn their lawyers, who operated through a lichildren over censed agency. were now landed before selling with caring for a very sick baby. them abroad' After three years of expensive medical

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One of their next victims

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The doctors told her that she

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costs in the US they sent the child back. Contacted by phone in America, the adoptive father sounded very concerned about his son's tragic fate. But he remained guarded in his replies and refused to disclose any details and unemployed alcoholic whose former husband is in of the adoption, in particular how much money was paid to the agency for Aleksandr. When I told him of the appalling circumstances in which I found the three-year old, he sounded genuinely upset. He confirmed that he and his wife, who had previously adopted an American deformed baby, had taken the decision to return the child only after long home to her squalid apart-



under arrest. Ornst persuaded

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When Ms Osipova returned

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the doctor had vanished. The

baby's birth had been 're-

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Although Ms Osipova says that she wants her child back.

she has neither the resources

nor the strength to retrieve her

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was ready to look after her.

Why

David Storey has decided he never wants to go back to the North again

A THOROUGHLY masculine evening at David Storey's play The Changing Room, revived at the Duke of York's - naked men, most on the beefy side, with all their bantering bravado -- brings back memories of the days when playwrights arrived in London with attitude; gritty blokes from the grimy North

David Storey came from Wakefield, an interesting com- . bination of brawn and brain: a rugby league player; son of a miner, who was also a painter, a student at the Slade. His novels were as successful as' his plays: This Sporting Life; with Richard Harris, became one of those definitive Sixties films; and he won the Booker Prize in 1976 with the excellent Saville.

iont he have a firebrand reputation. being noted for biffing a critic 20 years ago in the bar of the Royal Court? I remembered this as I watched this big-gentle, quietly-spoken, whitehaired man in canvas shoes, in his kitchen with wallpaper from Woolworths, making me deplorable teaching stan dards: Well, my principle is. as long as they're happy That was the ethos of the time. In following the idea of equali-

ty, nothing was achieved. The head invited me to remove my children from the school. I said: I'm going to keep them there because I believe in comprehensive education." Late one night I got a call from a teacher. I know you feel you re on your own. but there is a nucleus of older teachers who are completely. behind what you're doing.' "It was a three-year battle that I wouldn't want to go through again, But in the end -all the changes I suggested like homework, and proper marking - were formalised And the school pulled round: in one year, a 25 per cent improvement in exam results. Now one of my grandchildren is going to that school."

He knew what he was thing about because he had talight in 17 schools himself, nicluding three officially designated the worst in the couritry, in Islington and the East End. He describes classrooms ity. Nor does he read newspapers or watch telewhere youths fought, wielding

Memories are made of this ... David Storey on the set of The Changing Room, which is being revived at the Duke of York's after 25 years

be organic. I start off with a first line and hope something will happen." His plays always wrote themselves in a few days. The Changing Room took five. He rarely goes to the theatre and meets no other playwrights. He likes the anonym-

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Enter the organic carnivore IF organic food was once the butt of gibes about beards. lentils and people employed to stick mud on to potatoes, three things have happened in recent years to make "organic" the designer label. Genetic engineers have cre-ated fruit and vegetables that

look and taste like hat decorations. Televisioo exposés have shown the horrors of modern husbandry - and BSE has made us potential co-victims of those horrors. An organic boom has resulted and Britain now has its first organic supermarket, west London's highly funky Planet Organic, where beef sales have risen 30 per cent since the BSE scare.

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SIGN OF THE TIMES by Giles Coren

sive treat, but cheap mea became a daily requirement and standards fell to provide it; now we cat not only poor meat, but too much of it. Punters at Planet Organic have rediscovered a lost tradition: instead of a £1.50 frozen chicken every day, they buy an occasional £8 organic free-range bird, which tastes like chicken used to and cannot be carved

with a spoon. Instead of a steak for £1.30 that has been subjected to BSE-friendly conditions, they buy a less frequent £3.50 steak, which tastes infinitely better. A side effect, of course, of this quality-quantity tradeoff will be less heart disease. Will it catch on? In my local Waitrose last night the freerange chickens were sold out, while rows of merely "fresh" fowl - pallid and swollen-breasted - were undisturbed. The New Carnivore is at large, moved by respect not for poultry, but for himself.

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his wife, married for 40 years. live in one of the meaner streets of Kentisb Town: their house, now that the four children have departed, is the one with a fresh coat of paint. Remind me, I said, about why you struck a critic. The play was called Mother's Day. The preview houses had been full. But he had a premonition that the first night would be a disaster, and it was. One of the actors dried. Michael Billington's notice in The Guardian began succinctly: "A

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stinker. Not for the first time, a playwright was convinced that his play was killed off by critics. In the bar, where Storey was addressing the cast, he belaboured Billington about the head. "Poor old Michael," he laughs. "We've got on well, before and since. "Playwrights do get above themselves. You're in a marketplace. If you don't sell the stuff on the stall, you've had it. Your whole bloody destiny is forged in the ridiculous ritual of one night. That's what makes playwrights so sensi-tive to criticism. It's a young person's racket." In those days the Royal

Court was constantly in ferment. "But it had a cohesive policy. Slightly didactic, but it was the only place you could put on innovative writing with any kind of impact. Now, there are half a dozen theatres doing that - but there's a

scarcity of new writing." Schooled at Wakefield Grammar himself, Storey sent all his children to state comprehensives, and kept them there even when others whisked their darlings away to independent havens. This is a pertinent tale, which the Dromeys and Blairs might heed, since at 62 he is exactly one generation older than they

At Hampstead Comprehensive he stood up at PTA meetings, full of indignant questions. Why had his eldest daughter. Helen, achieved one O level after years of blithe reports from her teachers? Why had there never been any homework? "Homework," he says, "was

treated as almost a fascist suggestion. Some of our childroom a complete lie with nowhere to do homework." I said: Why not allocate them a classroom after school? That would stigmatise them I remember the headmaster saying, when I objected to the years first. My writing has to

while a teacher sat slumped : having given up the struggle. "At least a third of the teachers should never have been allowed near a school. But. teachers have been so devitalised; the profession,

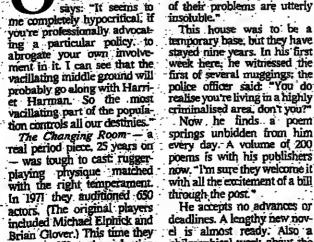


can't attract the right kind of

people."

The postscript to Storey's story is that his children have Yet having got off the train at King's Cross, where he and his wife Barbara lived in a done extremely well. Helen Storey built up a successful room above a shop, "a true fashion design business and artist, starving for my vocation", and bought a white Jaguar for £7,500 with his first has been commissioned by Faber to write her autobiografiction prize - "drove it like a maniac and sold it for £10" phy - "- at the age of 36", her father notes. The next daughhe has never left the borough ter went to Cambridge, and is now at Oxford doing research of Camden. Barbara works at the local in neurobiology. His eldest Citizens Advice Bureau, where son is the finance director of a shipping firm; the youngest is queues of refugees, "care in the

an aeronautical engineer. community" patients, the disabled, the unemployed and the unemployable form daily. "All Labour politicians' dilemmas of them are desperate, a testimony to society. So many over education, he. says: "It seems to me completely hypocritical, if you're professionally advocating a particular policy, to



philosophical work about the saw only 150 - the reduction structure of the psyche, based of drama school grants reon his own experience. Not duces the number of potential that he ever had a clinical working class actors. nervous breakdown; he just He still writes every day. He has binned about 30 plays. felt, he says quite equably, "it's very wasteful. But I can't "anxiety about the normal vacillations of life". work the other way - researching and plotting for two

Benedict Nightingale, page 29

for 37 years. They turned down Home, with Ralph Richardson and John Gielgud. directed by Lindsay Anderson. Eventually an American TV company filmed it, and the BBC bought it for two shillings

down all my work consistently

His fatalistic, phlegmatic Yorkshire monotone remains, but having left Wakefield in 1953 he never goes back there if he can help it. "Yorkshire bears no resemblarice now to my memory: an imaginary Yorkshire which no longer exists. Five gits have disap-peared, including the two my father worked in, and it's all been landscaped, you'd never know there'd been any collieries. I'm still engaged by the people, but there's no congruity between the present and the past. I was so longing to get away - I've never really lost that sense of glad relief at baving escaped from it."

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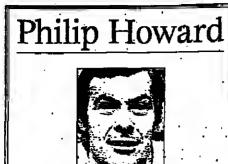
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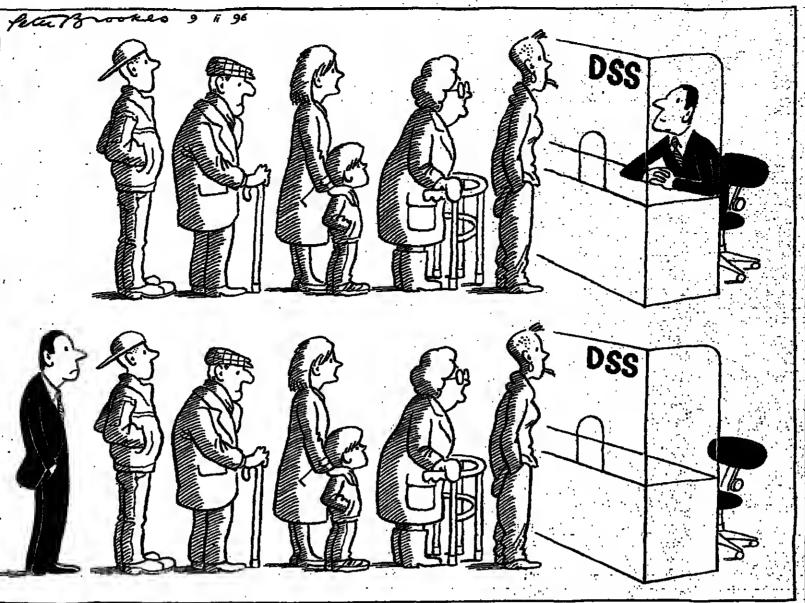
In the great linguistic debate, both sides claim Dr Johnson - and rightly so

The Reith lecturer has poked her stick into a hornets' nest. Out buzz the crusties swollen with venom, stinging Jean Aitchison for permissiveness about lan guage reminiscent of the worst excesses of the Tower of Babel. They cannot have been listening to more than the first sentence broadcast by the Rupett Murdoch Professor of Languages and Communication: "Is our language sick?" Her conclusion that this question is as illogical as "Is Friday morning pink?". is common sense as well as an academic cliché. But this has not stopped prescrip-

tivist pseudo-intellectuals spitting with rage. She has been abused for betraying herclassical education -- "were it not for the fact that many classics departments have been taken over by policial correctives and trendies". I have yet to meet a nasty corrective in a classics department. Classicists tend to be conservative. This is not surprising when the words for revolution in their languages are "new things". So beware of classicists, Tony Blair and your "new" labour.

Professor Aitchison is libelled in billboard type as "A woman wot hates English as it is writ", and attacked for her supposed politics, trendiness, linguistic relativism and split in-finitives - especially for her split infinitives. Honest guvs, she only did it to annoy you because she knows it teases. The best reason for avoiding split infinitives is that they drive berserk the irascible pedants who believe that language runs on tramlines rather than joyriding down the open road. You do better not to split, not because you care about their taboo, but because you care about your reputation with your audience. But English is already full of engrafted split infinitives: to overthrow, to understate. And there are a few sentences where the meaning can be expressed only by splitting, when a modifier such as *really* needs to be handcuffed to its verb. "You are too young to *really* remember the war." If you unsplit by putting *really* before to, you could be misunderstood as focusing on 100 young. As a reader of a grown-up newspaper. you are too sensible to

really fuss about such trivia. Who are these prescriptivists who attack Jean Aitchison for daring to suggest that there and no such thing as perfect English, and for enjoying its rich varieties? They are white middle-class, middle-browed males, middle-aged temperamentally if not temporally. Most of them earn a crust by writing "Why-oh-why?" tirades for the more excitable (and paradoxically more expensive) newspapers about how the world is going to the dogs, intellectually, morally, politically and linguistically. They misunderstand the way language works. English is the one subject on which any native-speaker can claim to be an expert. The language prescriptivists find themselves growing older in a new world, surrounded by new ideas, new words, new grammar, new fashions, and younger rivals even for the low trade of old-fogey punditry. Their problem is not the decay of English, but the male menopause. ow quaint that both sides claim Dr Johnson as their ally. Sam is like Scripture: he left so much that everyone (except a Scottish Whig) can find a supportive quotation in his work. Jean Aitchison and her critics are both right, like people describing Mont Ste-Victoire from opposite sides. As a poor Staffordshire boy who made good, Samuel was in awe of posh accents and "correct" grammar. His plan for the Dictionary declared: "The chief intent is to preserve the purity and ascertain the meaning of our English idiom." But by the time he had wrestled with his definitions for years, he had come to see that the notion of preserving the purity of a language was a will-o-the-wisp. So in his Preface he changed his aim, to "not form, but register the language". Jean Aitchison is following in her master's footsteps, but there is far more language in different varieties than when Dr Johnson laid down the principle: masters of the shifting language record is rather than laying down rules. Johnson would have loved his blue-stocking professor as a woman with a bottom of good sense. And when vile Whiggish pedants sniggered, he would have put them down: "Where's the merriment? I say the woman is fundamen-tally sensible."



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outcome, the flaws I have described give serious cause for legitimate concern.

I'll huff and I'll puff and blow your house down. For nowhere — nowhere — amid the scores of paragraphs that spill out in this dreadful screed does our hero tell us — or admit — that he himself has been up before the beak: Lord Geoff has already been rebuked, albeit very mildly, by Sir Richard Scott. No wonder was spluttering. (But Boris Johnson, The Daily Telegraph, should be of ashamed of himself for joining the gang'

fact that men from a British company, involved in selling arms, some of which would go to the evil Saddam, were simultaneously bringing back useful — indeed vital — knowledge. In the melee, there were arrests, largely of the wrong people, and under the boneheads of MI6 (what bones! what heads!) it seemed that nobody had bad enough sense to give a wink and a nod and shuffle off a couple of dozen Matrix Churchills when nobody was looking: Even then, sense could have reigned, but it didn't. With a crash of cymbals.

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what is left over, the wrappings of the sweets, the spent candle ends, the pips and the husks. For I assure you that very soon we shall all be up to our knees in

rubbish. Oh, that's even less than nothing. Already, the Prime Minister has an-nounced that he will not act on any of Scott's findings. True, when Scott's inquiry was set up, the Prime Minister had no objections, and gave Scott every thing be wanted. But now, it might make his rancid Government even more shaky than it is already, so our brave PM looks the other way when Scott is mentioned. And he needs to, because it is clear that Scott will criticise him very mildly, as with Howe - but the Prime Minister too has another small stain on his already soiled escutcheon.

> nd the snowball grows larger as it rolls down the hill. Try a few headlines: "Ministers star

Snobs – but not nepotists **Magnus Linklater** says Britain isn't so class-ridden after all

friend just starting in journalism A was explaining to me last week how helpful his public school background was proving. His upper-class accent and his eminently recognisable surname, he said, had not only given him an entree to the profession, it had allowed him to land a good royal story which had pleased his start on the promotion ladder. The old school tie, he assured me, had been a great asset.

I found that faintly depressing. Are a phimmy accent and a few useful connections still the keys to preferment in Britain, like being given a gold credit card at birth? It is more than five years since John Major announced his commitment to a classless society, and rather more than that since Margaret Thatcher apparently swept aside the oldboy net in favour of the barrow-boy culture, so allowing talent, enterprise and red braces free rein in Britain, irrespective of accent, Yet here we are, apparently still mesmerised by the discreet charm of the aristocracy.

In some ways, it seems almost as if we have been going backwards. At the we have been going backwards. At the same age, and roughly the same stage in journalism, 1 remember desperately trying to conceal any hint of privileged upbringing, flattening my vowels and emphasising my simple peasant ances-try in order to convince my news editor that I was one of the lads. Putting on the dist of the task for the lads. airs didn't get you far on the reporters' desk in those days, but then that was Manchester and those were the 1960s. Today, the Hugh Grant style seems once again to be a passport to success.

Recently, however, I stumbled across heartening evidence that this may be a superficial view, and that in some ways Britain is far less bothered by class, nepotism or social contacts than many other countries in Europe. Interviewed in the latest issue of the Bristol University magazine, Nonesuch, Professor Gianni Angelini, an Italian who is now a leading heart surgeon in this country, says that in his experience, Britain is the most open society in Europe, encouraging talent and skill without regard to background

or influence in ways that would be inconcervable in his native Italy. Angelini, who began his academic career at the University of Siena, set out to study medicine with only a diploma in mechanical engineerin . when he arm ved in Britain he could not speak a word of English, yet today he holds the British Heart Foundation Chair in Cardiac Surgery and heads Bristol University's newly opened Heart Institute. "I couldn't have achieved any of this if I had stayed in Italy," he says. "The Italian system is too nepotistic. To climb the ladder it doesn't matter how good you are. If your father was a professor, you have a pretty good chance of being a professor. If your father was a lorry driver, like mine, I'm afraid you have a bit of a problem." The professor told me that in Italy, where there is a surplus of 40,000 doctors, a foreigner "doesn't stand a chance". But worse than that, the medical world is in tightly gripped in the hands of a small number of professors at the top dictating all new appointments. Connections are vital. The medical system is influenced by the political system, and very few university appoint-ments are open to selection," he said. This means that there is very little competition." Promotion tends to be based on the Italian equivalent of Buggins' turn. "It is like an inherited disease," says Angelini, "only the degree of the disease gets worse." The professor has encountered none of that in Britain. From the start his progress was dictated by merit alone. One of the things that has impressed tim most is the absence of political string-pulling here. "In Italy you have to be supported by a political party even to apply for a job as a road-sweeper. It's who you know that counts. Here I don't even know the name of my local MP." Hare not part of "le gratin", the crust of society — has in . crust of society - bas its own form of snobbery, an intellectual brand, which means that if you are not an Enargue, a product of the top stream of the grandes écoles, advancement is unlikely. "The aristocracy no longer counts, but the merilocracy has given us a new class system," said Stephane Crauzat, head of the French Institute in Edinburgh. "Where you went to school is all-important." Perhaps, after all, and almost without realising it, Britain is less imprisoned by its class system, less strangled by its old school tie, than some of its European neighbours. A merchant banker in London, who told me that at one stage an Eton and Oxbridge education was almost a sine qua non in his organisation, now takes most of his recruits from Newcastle University. He reckons that in the jungle of the financial world today, a recommendation about someone's boy passed on over the brandy in Brnoks's is almost counter-productive. If a candidate needs that kind of help, perhaps he isn't much good Another friend of mine, who interviews job applicants in a multinational company, said that recommendations from friends or relations were noted, but rarely played any part in the final decision. How odd, therefore, that they still seem to work in the freebooting world of the fourth estate. A case, P.H.S perhaps, for a Fleet Street version of Lord Nolan's inquiry.

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well, that is why the story has taken three-and-half years to unfold. I do not intend to go through those bits and pieces; there will be dozens of bloodhounds - hundreds - clutching this document or that denial, and I propose to step back from the gigantic hurly-burly and think of what this story really tells us. For the length is deep and the depth is long.

do not need to be a cynic like me to know that many people who will be discussed

in its pages are now piling up the sneers, the rubbishings, the attacks and all the various reasons why Sir Richard Scott is

wrong, pig-headed, lazy and ignorant. Indeed, before the magician opens his

box there will be several suggestions

that Scott has been insane for some

time, and not a few more that he has

been bribed. But I don't really need to

mock the Scott tremblers, because there

are so many of the real ones who are

now busy lying, cheating and running away that Scott will have to write

The bits and pieces are numerous -

another book soon.

Let me start with a minor figure, but one who embodies much of the story. He is Lord Howe of Aberavon, formerly for the moment. Sup-Geoffrey Howe. Picking up of a copy of The Spectator, I find an article by him pose Lyell quits or is covering many pages and - no joke --several thousand words.

Now what has come over the old Speccers, that it allows onto its pages matter doubly unreadable - once for its length and twice for its prose? We find the answer very quickly: our Geoffrey has got wind of what Scott is jingling in his pockets. Yes, but why should he be the standerd-bearer for those who are marked men? It shows great generosity, does it not? For these are interesting words

The Scott inquiry is not a tribunal upon whose judgment the reputation of anyone should be allowed to depend. I write those words with regret and with a full realisation that no one should pronounce such a verdict without having given careful thought to its consequences...t scarcely believed myself when I com-plained initially that this was an inquiry at which as never before an deforce which — as never before — defence lawyers may be seen but not heard ... Many others who appeared before Scott, share this perplexed and resentful view of their treatment. Since their reputations could be severely tarnished by the

are trying to rubb Now we are told that Sir Nicholas the nonsense called up the nonsense

Lyell, the Attorney-General, is the first one for the chop. I Bernard would like a front row seat at any price, but 1 think that in this case there is more to a lousy lawyer than we can see

pushed; a considerable sigh of relief will, or at least should, be heard. But even I, the man who despises Lyell most, am willing to say that if Lyell going to be the fall-guy, a very shocking miscarriage of judgment will have taken place. And I assure you that in the days to come there will be very many similar miscarriages of judgment. Do you care greatly, readers, about

the Matrix Churchill business? I am sure that many of you are thinking that in is something about Winston Churchill something scandalous. (See, for in-stance, the attempt by Virginia Bottom-ley and Gillian Shephard to cover up their appalling conduct with gagging perhaps another statue is to be raised. I don't care much about the Matrix etc. but I follow it not because of the depressing details, nor because I am looking forward to Scott's bag of toffeeapples, but because it tells me as clearly as Big Ben that the Scott report is yet another nail in the coffin of this putrid Government.

pence, when we are almost on the eve of the real thing? They say it is a very thick book: I say the thicker the better. I am Before Scott pulled down the blinds and remember that there was a very long and mendacious series of state-ments before Scott finished his open he will make it very clear, I am sure. So why am I poking my nose into things that will be fully poked within days? version of what happened in Matrixtime). the whole story pivoted upon the

those who were there to straighten out Scott damage limitation"; "Sir instead: "public interest immunity certifi-

Nicholas Lyell is likely fall guy". "Revealed: Scott report leak puts minis cates" were waved (would that they had ter in firing-line on arms sales"; "Lyell and Waldegrave-will fight resignation calls on Scott report". And, going back some time: "Lyell blames officials over PII. certificates" (he would): "In Whitebeen waived instead), and from that moment. the tide could never be turned. Folly, stupidhall, preparations are well under way for a fierce rebuttal of the findings". "Scott leaks 'aimed at limiting governity and incompetence reign in this story. And something else. That ment damage". But I have nurtured, right through ghastly business of the signing of the dirty certificates (which, incidentally,

the years of Scott, one passage that I have kept, one paragraph that I wish H had written myself. It is by Michael Jones of The Sunday Times, and this is rest are tarred with the dirt of the certificates. I have repeatedly said that what be said:

The fundamental issue is this. What happened in the Matrix Churchill case threatened the rights of every British subject to a fair trial and the individual's enshrined protection from arbitrary arrest and loss of liberty. Magna Carta and all that flowed from it guaranteed no less. So. what happens in the Scott inquiry and after matters deeply. At one level we find exposed those arcane parts of government that seldom see the light of day and only attract our attention when they publicly crash gears, as they did over the Matrix Churchill case. At a deeper level, we see a mind-set rooted in self-service, self-esteen and authoritarian precepts that threate

I eagerly await my copy of the Scott report. And I await, not eagerly, the realisation that whatever happens now, we shall have taken yet another step into the pit.

Mugging up

JONATHAN AITKEN, who left the Cabinet to spend more time with his libel lawyers, is certainly doing his homework. He has been checking up on George Carman, QC, the lerocious Great Defender, who is expected to give the former Chief Secretary to the Treasury a grilling when his action against The Guardian comes to court.

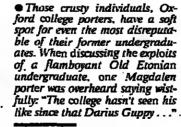
He has spent large chunks of this week in the public gallery of Court I3 at the High Court, watching Carman's every move in his defence of the Daily Mirror in the case brought against it by a surgeon whom the paper dubbed "Dr Dolittle".

Aitken, who declared last year that he was leaving the Government to fight "the cancer of beni and twisted journalism . . , with the simple sword of truth and the trusty shield of fair play", issued writs against The Guardian and World in Action over accusations about his relationship with members of the Saudi Royal Family and his business links with two Lebanese businessmen.

He has been very attentive at this week's High Court show. 'Carman was doing his 'I shall ask you one more time and then I shall move on' act. Aitken was

grinning a lot," says one spectator. However, Aitken denies suggestions that he was there to get the measure of the man who has won cases for Jeremy Thorpe, Ken Dodd and Elton John. "No, no, no. nothing like that," he explains. There are lots of things that are very interesting about the case. It's a case with important ramifications. My own counsel, Charles Gray told me about it."

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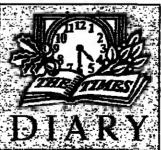


Bluffery

THE MYSTERY that surrounds the identity of the author of Primary Colors: A Novel of Politics. the barely disguised account of the 1992 Clinton campaign, is being stirred up by the English writer Christopher Hitchens. The anonymous book has caused a storm in the States, with its "fictional" Governor Stanton, his steely wife Susan and a Gennifer Flowers character known as "Cashmere McLeod".

On Wednesday in Washington, Hitchens - who famously at-tacked Mother Teresa in his book The Missionary Position - astonished browsers at a downtown bookstore by signing copies of the book, And yesterday he said his own article in the current issue of The New York Review of Books. which speculates on the book's authorship, was a "double bluff". "I am very much looking for-

ward to being the guest of honour



at the party for the book," he said. A weary voice from Random House, which refuses to name the author, adds: "He has been talking about going on a publicity tour soon, preferably to Paim Beach." Sound's like a triple bluff.

Spud upping

of four almost suffered a damag-ing blow late on Wednesday night, when Jerry Hayes succumbed to the dangers of dining at the Com-

mons. The Tory MP with the golden locks and a predilection for tacky late-night television studios, choked on a roast potato in the Members' Dining Room

It stuck in his gullet, he could not breathe and had it not been for the swift action of a fellow diner, Tory MP Robert Hughes, the bearded Hayes might have been

Bob gave me a huge thwack on the back and the potato just came flying out," Hayes says, "Alastair Goodlad [the chief whip] was eating at the next table. He turned outte pale." Australia and the West Indies may not be prepared to play their World Cup cricket matches in Colombo, but Asian schoolboys will not be missing out. A new

heading for the great division lob-

computer game enables them to programme any combination of players they like to compete at any of the continent's grounds, in whatever conditions - and even to decide the outcome of the lournament.

> **Treble chance** TINA TURNER, she of the huge hair and the strut, is to be

backed on her next record by a host of heavenly choirboys. One of the tracks on her next CD needs boy trebles, so ten choristers from Durham's Cathedral Choir School have been chosen to accompany her.

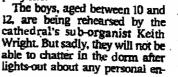
The boys, aged between 10 and 12, are being rehearsed by the cathedral's sub-organist Keith Wright. But sadly, they will not be able to chatter in the dorm after

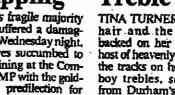


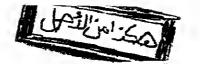
counters with the raunchy rocker. "Tina Turner has already done her bit in the recording studio," says the Choir School's Headmaster. Stephen Drew. The boys will record their backing in the cathedral, and the tapes will be edited together."

• King Husain of Jordan has an eye for a bargain. At a powerboat show in LA this week, he was taken with a nippy vessel with a top speed of 100mph and a \$400,000 price tag. He offered cash and had \$10,000 knocked off.









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THREE COUNTRYMEN

Rural landscape has changed more than the political

It is as often a cause for alarm as celebration mobile's appetite for land, the mechwhen the country's leaders all agree. Policies as unhappy as appeasement and the ERM have enjoyed a cross-party consensus in the past. But some worthy causes have also secured all-party backing. Sixty-seven years ago The Times was happy to publish a letter signed by the leaders of Parliament's three biggest parties pledging to preserve the best of rural England. Today we are pleased to reprint the same sentiments endorsed by the three men who lead the same parties. If only the countryside were as unchanging as the polincians' pieties.

John Major, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown repeat, almost verbatim, the hopes outlined by their predecessors, Stanley Baldwin, Ramsay MacDonald and David Lloyd George, in 1929, on the eve of another famous election when Labour was looking to make an historic breakthrough. It is perhaps unsurprising that the current leaders feel able to echo so exactly the call for sensitive development and thoughtful conservation of another generation for they are, so strikingly, the heirs of Baldwin, MacDonald and Lloyd George.

Mr Major, is like Baldwin, an unshowy epresentative of Middle England who has coped stoically with royal scandal and appealed lyrically to our nostalgic sense of nation, substituting warm beer and old maids for ploughmen and scythes: Mr Blair, like MacDonald, is a rightwinger with a cautious Shadow Chancellor, Mr Blair, like MacDonald, seems happier in Establishment salons than in his own party. Mr Ashdown, like Lloyd George, combines grand rhetoric with a taste for the flashy and a special sympathy for the female sex.

Yet while these aspects of the political landscape seem surprisingly little changed. the shape of our countryside has been dramatically altered since 1929. The auto-

Nato has made commendable headway in

implementing the military provisions of the

Dayton agreement on Bosnia. Armies have been separated more or less on schedule.

The task of marking out internal boundaries.

has fallen behind, but that is because of

heavy snow, uncharted minefields and prob-

lems created where the lines on the Dayton

most areas, the spirit of the agreement is

THE MOSTAR TEST

If Mostar becomes a Balkan Berlin, all bets for peace are off

maps saw through schools and houses. In a much international support. It has done too

being observed. The bitter disputes over the make up a fifth of Government-held

anisation of farming and the twisted priorities of the common agricultural policy have combined to drive the England of Baldwin's boyhood to the margins of our memories. Village life, its rhythm surprisingly constant from the Anglo-Saxons to The Archers, has never been more changed: small shops are displaced by superstores. property prices are driven up by city refugees and public transport worsens.

Steps have been taken by the party leaders to enact policies in line with the principles to which they put their names. Last October the Environment Secretary, John Gummer, published a thoughtful White Paper on the Countryside which promised steps to safeguard village life: he has also worked hard to conserve rare species. The abandonment of many road-building schemes announced last November should also be applauded. It may be more a matter of conserving taxpayers' money than the land but it is welcome nevertheless. The main Opposition parties. have been constructive critics of the roads programme. It is a pity a good case has sooften been spoilt by the antics of protesters whose lifestyles mock the traditional virtues of the countryside they claim to protect.

Aside from sustaining sensitive development there is one other service that politicians could do rural people if they sincerely wish to see, "the protection of our countryside in its rich personality and character". The modish metropolitan enthusiason for a ban on fox hunting should be opposed. A recreation enjoyed by country folk of every class, as much part of the personality of rural England as its hedgerows and Norman churches, it is a liberty worth defending. The English character may be suburban but its roots are rural. Those roots require nurturing, not just casual neglect and the occasional agreement to agree.

Party unity on the countryside

From the Prime Minister. the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Party

Sir, In 1929, at the inception of the Council for the Protection of Rural England's appeal for public support, our forebears, Stanley Baldwin, J. Ramsay MacDonald and David Lloyd George, pledged their support for the English countryside in a letter to The Times. In the year of CPRE's seventieth anniversary, we are pleased to make that commisment again. .

During the next few months we shall differ on so many problems of public importance that we gladly take the opportunity of showing that on one subject we speak with a united voice - namely, in advocating the protection of our countryside in its rich personality and character.

We do this in the full confidence that necessary development can and should be directed with thoughtful and scrupulous attention to the charm of our countryside. Much of its beauty is the direct result of man's activities in the past: and in these days when the objectives of planning and land management and the appreciation of landscape are more widely shared than ever before, we ought to be able to make necessary changes in ways that avoid injuring our precious beritage."

We are, Sir, your obedient servants, JOHN MAJOR, TONY BLAIR. PADDY ASHDOWN, As from the Council for the Protection of Rural England, Warwick House 25 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1.

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Role of civil servants From Mr Hugh Colver

Sir, Mr M. G. Power's suggestions (letter, February 5) that Mr Michael Heseltine was wrong to ask civil servants to explain policy, and that ano-nymity is a virtue for civil servants, should not go unchallenged. It has long been the duty of the Government Information Service, in which I was privileged to serve for 17 years, to ex-

plain what they do. Of course it is the job of ministers to explain and advocate their policies and to demonstrate how those policies relate to a particular party political philosophy. Indeed this Government has suffered policially because ministers have not sought to gain maxi-

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Why heredity serves a useful purpose in the Lords

From Sir John Stokes

Sir. Mr Blair's intemperate anack on the hereditary peers (reports and lead-ing article, February S) shows that he has no sense of history and no realisaoon that the House of Lords is the most efficient and respected second chamber in the world. Under Mr Blair's rule the age of chivalry would certainly be gone, to be succeeded by the age of the common man with a vengeance, with the powerful trade

I do not believe that this French-style revolutionary policy is what most British people want, who respect the hereditary peers and admire their patriotism and good manners. A partnominated, part-elected second cham-ber would be a recipe for disaster. As Lord Falkland said in 1641, if it is not necessary to change, it is necessary not to change.

Yours faithfully, JOHN STOKES Conservative MP for Oldbury and Halesowen, 1970-74, and Halesowen and Stourbridge, 1974-92).

4 The Bradburys, Stratton Audley, Nr Bicester, Oxfordshire. From Mr Peter Le Cheminant

Sir. The principle of replacing the her-editary House of Lords by an elected second chamber was clearly establish-ed by the Parliament Act of 1911. That Act expressed sorrow that "such substitution cannot be immediately brought into operation". in the light of the ensuing 84 years' delay in carrying out the then Parliament's good intentions the worldly

Germany's views on the nation state

From the Duke of Devonshire

Sir, I write to express my alarm at the reaction in some quarters to Chancellor Kohl's Leuven speech (report, February 3; letters, February 7). It would appear that the Chancellor is telling the world that, in spite of all he and his predecessors have said, his country has not changed its spots.

He implied that if Germany did not get its way over monetary, followed by political union in Europe there might be a return to force of arms - perhaps resulting in a future British Prime Minister bleating over the airwaves about some "far-away country of which we know little".

oppressive central control and a cava-In spite of being defeated in two lier disregard for their regional idenowars this century, modern Germany seems determined to hold sway over ty. Such aspirations are entirely differ-

wise will assume that the House of Commons is reluctant to share its untrammelled power with anyone. In this matter at least MPs will echo (and I suspect will go on echoing) St Augus-tine's prayer "Lord make me chaste, but not yet".

Yours etc. PETER Le CHEMINANT, 23 Weylea Avenue, Burpham, Guildford, Surrey. February 8.

From Mr Norman Chang

Sir, With an elected House of Commons, one is never quite sure as to whether or not MPs, when casting votes or when offering a Privale Member's Bill for reading, are attempong to further their poliocal careers or are conscious of possible deselection when their five-year fixed tenure expires at a general election. Hereditary peers, on the other hand, invite no such suspicion of motive. They have a life tenure and thus tend to be driven by principle and duty rather than political ambition.

Yours faithfully, NORMAN CHANG, 11 Crogsland Road, NW1,

From Mr Ian Mann

Sir. Tony Blair may view the House of Lords as the ascendancy of heredity over democracy but this is to misinterpret its true value.

From Mr Christopher Maguire

Sir, Reading Chancellor Kohl's asser-

oon that the nation state's days are

over, I wondered what lessons he had

drawn from the disintegration of the

Soviet Union, the largest artificial fed-

eration of all, or from the separatist

conflicts in Chechenia, the former Yu-

goslavia, Afghanistan, Northern Ire-

land, Spain, Czechoslovakia, Kash-

All these conflicts seem to me to re-

present a revolt, whether military or

political, by human groups with a

common history, customs and culture

against the imposition of a greater

union, which in practice has meant

mir, Indonesia, to name but a few.

The overwhelming advantage of the hereditary peers is their initial self-se-lection by birth, that involuntary act of fate that comes to us all. The overwhelming disadvantage of the House

Millennium events

From Mrs Penelope Lively

Sir, While welcoming the principle that the book is an appropriate subject for celebration at the millennium (Simon Jenkins, January 27: letter, Feb-ruary 6). I would suggest that the pro-per medium is the British Library the national archive.

The new building at St Pancras has had its problems but these are now largely overcome, and after its opening from 1997, h will be the natural focus for any such millennial celebration of the printed word.

I write as Chairman of the British Library's Centre for the Book, which exists to promote the significance of the book in all its forms.

Yours sincerely, PENELOPE LIVELY Gibson Square, Ni. February 6.

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of Commons is their initial self selec-

tion by ego, that involuntary act of fate

As a consequence of this the House

of Commons may represent the peo-

ple but, paradoxically, it is the House

of Lords that is representative of the

Sir, You report Mr Tony Blair as as-

serting that the poll tax, "the most ex-

pensive fiasco in fiscal history", would never have become law without the

Under the Salisbury/Addison con-

vention, agreed by all parties at the

time of the Attlee government, the

House of Lords does not reject at sec-

ond reading a Bill that has been in the

governing party's manifesto. This has since been extended to cover a genuine

wrecking amendment, one which

would have the effect of killing such a

Bill without further discussion being

possible. And this is what the amend-ment to clause 1 of the Local Govern-

ment Finance Bill undoubtedly would

It was this factor, even more than

the strength of the whip that I sent out,

that accounted for the size of the Tory

vote on that occasion in 1988.

(Conservative Whip, 1979-91),

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

that comes to all polificians.

55a Redcliffe Square, SW10.

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Yours faithfully, LAN MANN.

From Lord Denham

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report on page 12, are exceptions: but they at very important exceptions.

If these two cities become Balkan Berlins. permanently divided, all bets are off for lasting peace in Bosnia. Sarajevo's reunification is the prime symbol and test of the readiness of Bosnia's separate Serb and Muslim-Croat "entities" to coexist in a federal Bosnian Republic. It is also the necessary condition for setting up Bosnia's collective presidency, parliament and supreme court. Mostar is equally critical, for different reasons. If the city remains divided. between Croats and Muslims, the Muslim-Croat Federation will collapse and with it, the entire Dayton plan. Because the federation's Muslim and Croat cantons form a patchwork that could not physically be separated were Bosnia to split in three, the federation's collapse would mean war.

The reintegration of both cities is at a standstill. In Sarajevo yesterday the Bosnian Serbs, who had already suspended all political contact with the Bosnian Government, announced that they will no longer talk to the Nato-led Implementation Force (Ifor). The reason they give is the Bosnian Government's detention of Bosnian Serb officers, whom it accuses of war crimes. These cases are now being investigated by the Hague war crimes tribunal and unless Mr Justice Goldstone finds grounds to indict thet the men must be released. But this is almost certainly just a pretext. The Serbs have been looking for an excuse to avoid handing the Serb-held suburbs of Sarajevo political power, let alone to reassure the inhabitants of the Serb-held suburbs that

have a fair share of

to Bosnian Government control by March

19, as required by Dayton. They are out to

bang onto them at least until after the

That cannot be countenanced. But the

Americans must also increase pressure on

the Bosnian Government, which is in retreat

from the multicultural goals which won it so

little to convince the Serbs and Croats who.

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Boshian elections due later this year.

that they will be safe in a united city. The ultranationalist Croats of Mostar can claim no excuse for this week's violence against Hans Koschnick, the European Union's capable administrator for the city, or for breaking into the EU's Mostar headquarters. The fault lies entirely with the Croats. Mostar's 55,000 Muslims suffered terribly at the hands of Croat forces, who fought for a year to establish Mostar as the capital of an independent Croatian state of Herzeg-Bosna. Yet they strongly support a reunited city. Herr Koschnick has produced an administrative_plan, as envisaged by Dayton, which is fair and sensible. The Croats moreover asked Herr Koschnick to mediate a fortnight ago and promised to abide by his verdict. But now, urged on by Croat gang-leaders who make fortunes out of partition, the mayor of the Croat part of the city has reverted to the demand that Mostar be "the Croat capital".

Croatia, which supports Mostar's Croats while claiming that it cannot control them. has the power to stop them and must be made to do so. Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, is right to hold President Tudjman to account. In Zagreb on Tuesday, he should be blunt that there will be no more assistance to Croatia until it curbs gangster politics in Mostar. Money has begun to talk as loudly as gunfire in the Balkans. In this most difficult of peacemaking tasks, that must be accounted progress.

A CUE MISSED

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There is more to snooker than balls

We have long known that snooker players were potters of ball. Now we can confirm that they are potty of cue too. The primitive wooden implement by which balls are propelled, into pockets as deep as a schoolboy's, is for many players more than just a tool of the baize trade. For this guild, the cue is a thing of mystique and reverence and - if a piece of wood could ever be described in this mixed-metaphored-manner - a security blanket of blissful warmth. On our sports pages today, we carry a report on how much their own cues mean to Britain's snooker players. The most famous . of them all is Steve Davis, and his has also been the most famous broken cue in history. Snap, it went one day, by accident, and snap went his snooker form too. The man who has potted more titles than other. less-fortunate members of the fraternity of misspent youth more titles, in fact, than any member whistory) has won not a single tournament for more than 12 months now. A tragic snap: clearly, also, an expensive one.

What puzzles observers, and rightly, is why such great store is set by so simple an object. Is a snooker cue a work of complex craftsmanship, as a cricket bat is, or a hypermodern fibreglass tennis racket? Evidently too well: and leave the game firmly alone. Lympne, Hythe, Kent.

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not. Do cues come in a perplexing variety of shapes, sizes, finishes, sheens and weights? No, again. So what, dear Davis, is all the fuss about?

Our out-of form ex-whiz is not alone. Cuespotters (with or without anoraks) will remember the case of Stephen Hendry: for the sake of a lost cue that cost less than your humblest electric kettle (£20, if you must know), he offered an impassioned reward of £10,000. Mathematical readers of The Times will work out quickly that Hendry could have bought himself 500 cues for the sum put up for his pet cue's restitution.

There are other cue stories too many, in fact, to be told at once in this column. What is clear, however, is that snooker is played as much in the mind as it is with a cue. Snooker, as a game, makes fewer technical demands on a player than many others. Of course a snooker player needs not to be colour-blind. But more than sumptuous skills, he needs a still head, still feet and sang froid - tres, tres froid. Snooker is a mind game and a lost cue, or one cruelly snapped, can sap morale in a way that those of us who do not play snooker will never understand. Or perhaps we understand only

activities.

However, it is nonsense to suggest that civil servants can never engage indialogue about policy because any public protagonism of a policy that may be anathema to an opposition political party would make it difficult to serve a government of a different persuasion

As a head of information in a gov-erniment department it is one's duty to serve ministers and to further the policies and objectives of the Government. even if those policies are surrounded by considerable political controversy. Of course, in so doing one is furthering the objectives of the poliocal party in office - but that is perfectly proper. It is one of the benefits of political office

In my experience ministers are very aware that they must not involve civil servants in any party political activity and government information officers are careful not to be dragged into party politics by so fierce an advocacy that misinterpretation is possible. This is sometimes a difficult line to draw, but ministers and government information officers are drawing it with great care and comparative ease every day.

Of one thing we can be sure. Any future Labour government would expect to gain maximum advantage from the trappings of poliocal office and would not understand a Civil Service - and particularly a government information service — that did not see it as its job to explain and promote government policy. Especially in the run-up to a general election, the Deputy Prime Minister was quite right to remind the Civil Service of its duty.

Yours sincerely, HUGH COLVER (Chief of Public Relations, Ministry of Defence, 1987-92; Director of Communications, Conservative Central Office, 1995), I SI Austell Road, SEI3. February 6.

Floral tributes

Sir, I wonder how much unhappiness the bleak instruction, - No flowers, please", to be found in the Deaths columns, causes to friends and acquaintances (letters, February 1. 8).

Flowers are the one personal contribution that we can make to an otherwise formal, ritualised business. The cards accompanying them provide joy and solace to the bereaved family, the flowers themselves colour and celebration to the service, a lasting memory and some feeling of participation to those who attend. The next instruction might be, "No tears, please".

Pile my coffin with flowers, I say. It is sadly, the last thing that anyone can do for me in this "vale of fears".

Yours sincerely. MARTIN HORWOOD, Aldergate, Aldington Road,

Europe, with a threat of aggression if it fails. Ever-closer European integration threatens the nation state - the natural state of affairs for a country. The time has come for us to stand up for the individual rights of the countries within the European Community. The siren voices of those who might say that in the interests of peace Germany's views must be acceded to must be resisted.

Yours faithfully. DEVONSHIRE, Chaisworth, Bakewell, Derbyshire. February 7.

Beating the weather From Mr William J. Jory

Sir, Dr Stuttaford ("Medical briefing". February 7) rightly reminds drivers stuck in deep snow to wear adequate clothing and avoid alcohol; but it is worth re-emphasising his point about the need to keep the vehide airway clear so that exhaust fumes can be dispersed. As a visiting eye surgeon in north-

ern Canada for many years, I was advised by long-distance truck drivers not to run the engine, since you may oot realise if your exhaust becomes blocked by snow, which could lead to fatal carbon monoxide poisoning. Better to carry a large candle (and matches). The lighting of candles

gives off a surprising amount of heat and uses up a negligible amount of oxygen, provides a welcome boost to morale and enables would be rescuers to find you. Sandbags, if possible over the driving wheels, can assist traction.

One hopes your readers will not require the last piece of equipment. This is a good length of rope carried next 10 the driver to throw out of the window if one is caught in an avalanche. The

A squirrel warning From Mrs J. R. Green

Sir, The plan to distribute poisoned bait to grey squirrels in an attempt to preserve red squirrels (report and photograph, February 6) must alarm anyone who has waiched what they can do with a bulk supply. For every item eaten, two or three may be buried. In our garden pigeons and tits retrieve them as soon as the squirrel moves off. Squirrels will bury nuts even when cats are around. I hope steps will be taken on Angle-

sey to protect the rest of the wildlife. Yours faithfully, J. R. GREEN.

Red Hall Villa. Haughton-le-Skerne, Carlington, Co Durham.

From Mr Andrew Harris

Sir, Surely the only justification for killing grey squirrels so as to encourage red ones is because we find the latter more attractive to look at I know

ent from the expansion ist conquests of the historical nation state which Herr Kohl presumably has in mind when he refers to Germany's invasion of Belgium in two world wars. If this interpretation is correct then perhaps Britain and John Major are

far closer than Herr Kohl to the mood of the age. It is the latter's vision of a European federation with political and monetary union - central control - which has had its day. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER MAGUIRE,

15 Harston Road, Newton, Cambridge.

rope tends to snake to the surface of the snow, making detection and subsequent rescue easier.

Yours faithfully WILLIAM JORY (Consultant eye surgeon), 21B Devonshire Place, W1.

From Dr J. A. Collings-Wells

Sir, Dr Stuttaford recommends sacks be placed under the driving wheels of cars stuck in snow. Nearly 60 years ago my father taught me a far more effective method, learnt from his days on the mud roads of East Africa before the First World War.

Two lengths of chicken wire, each 3ft long by lft wide, placed under the driving wheels, provide a much better grip and work equally well in mud or

This simple device has got me out of trouble on very many occasions. In the sort of weather we are experiencing at the moment it can mean the difference between getting home or spending a night out.

Yours truly, JOHN COLLINGS-WELLS, Rivercroft, Undershore Road, Lymington, Hampshire. February 7.

the grey squirrel is "alien", but I can't think of any reason why this should make us poison them. In any case, it would be impossible to exterminate them in this country - they are far too well established.

Environmentalists will no doubt counter it is a worthwhile exercise in its own right to preserve a species endangered in some parts of Britain; but why? Species have always come and gone, and man is powerless to intervene, except al the edges.

Yours sincerely A. D. HARRIS, 10 Evertons Close, Droitwich, Worcester.

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Pole position

From Mr Alan Smith

Sir, The repositioning of the South Pole by ISin poses no serious threat to past explorers' claims to have reached it. Your report "Satellite technology moves South Pole to its true (sic) posioon" (February 8) also states that the technology used is only accurate to one yard. This would suggest that the old position and the new position are in fact the same place within this tolerance.

Yours faithfully. ALAN SMITH. 35 Lansdell Road, Mitcham, Surrey. February 8.

S for serendipity

From Mr Hugh Douglas

Sir, Serendipity of the type Mrs Anne Tayler encountered in *The Complete* Guide to What's on Talking Tapes (letter, February 6) is enjoyed by all of us who research in libraries.

My favourile, in 30 years of re-searching, was in Mr Palmer's esomable index to your own newspaper published in the years before 1906. A report of a railway accident at Nottingham sometime during the last century was listed, not under R. A. or even N, but under H.

The headline of the story read "Horrible rail crash at Nottingham". It compensated for a week's frustrating failure to find the reference I was secking.

Yours faithfully, HUGH DOUGLAS, 146 Broadway. Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. February 7

From Mr Daniel Lyon

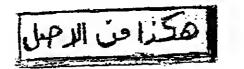
Sir. Anne Tayler's index difficulcies are not a new phenomenon.

Thirty years ago the council I then worked for had great difficulty in showing title to a piece of land in Blackpool Road, Preston, which it had bought some eighty years before. The massive hand-written property regisler appeared to show no trace of the deeds, despire what I thought had been an exhaustive search.

However, they were found instantly by my successor, whose thought processes more closely matched those of the Victorian filing clerk: I bad naively searched under "B" for Blackpool Road, but he went straight to "P" for Piece of Land.

Yours faithfully, DAN LYON (Director of Administration). Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, Hampshire. r.....

From Mr Martin Horwood



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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 8: Sir Kenneth Scott was received by The Queen this evening upon relinquish-ing his appointment as Deputy Private Secretary to Her Majesty.

Later The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained at Dinner by the High Commissioner for New Zealand (His Excellency Mr John Collinge) at 43 Chelsea Square, London SW3.

Royal Society Professor B. Roques delivered the Claude Bernard lecture to the

man of the Society, presided and Mr Mark Molyneux of Ernst &

Young gave the vote of thanks. Ernst & Young hosted a supper

of Master Saddlers annual sad-diery competition at a reception

held last night at Saddlers' Hall.

Professor M.J.H. Sterling, Vice-

afterwards.

Reception

The winners were:

Lectures

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the Scots at War Trust, will attend a study seminar at Edin-burgh University's Institute for Advanced Studies in the Human-ities. Hope Park Square, Edin-burgh, at 9.30: and will visit the Lower Methil Heritage Centre. 272 High Street, Lower Methil, File, at 3.00.

Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at 11.30.

Luncheon

Batti-Wallahs' Society Captain J.M. Gray, Master Mariner. was the principal guest and speaker at the 90th anniversary luncheon of the Batti-Wallahs Society held yesterday at the National Liberal Club. Mr John D.G. White, president, was in the chair.

Appointment

Mr David Tatham to be High Commissioner (non-resident) to The Maldives from March. in succession to Mr John Field who will be retiring from the Oriel or the Sardie Sardie from the Diplomatic Service.

Birthdays

singer, 54; Mr Sandy Lyle, golfer, 38: Sir Donald Miller, former Mr Norman Adams, painter and ceramic sculptor, 69; the Countess of Airlie, 63; Mr Brian Bennett, chairman, ScottishPower, 69, Dame Annene Penhaligon, 50; Shadows' drummer, 56: Mr Ryland Davies, lenor, 53: Air Commandant B.M. Ducat-Amos. Miss Amanda Roocroft, opera singer, 30. former director, RAF Nursing Service, 75; Miss Mia Farrow, Chancellor, Brunel University, 50: Mr Gordon Strachan, footballer, actress, SI; Dr Garret FitzGerald, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, 70: Mr Paul Flynn, MP. 61; Mr Bernard Gallacher, golfer, 47; Dr George Guest, organist, 72: Mr Justice Johnson, 63; Mr Ben E. King, 39; Miss Janet Suzman, actress, 57; Mr Clive Swift, actor, 60: Mr Brian Wenham, media oppultant and journalist, 59: Lord Williams of Elvel, 63.

Marriage

Mr M.A.A. Wauehope and Mrs G.S.R. de Wet The marriage took place in Kloof, Natal, on February 3, of Michael Wauchope, of Mayfield, East Sus-sex, and Glory de Wet, of Natal.

Memorial service

Mr Richard Caldient A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Richard Cuthbert Giles Caldicot, actor, was held yesterday at St Paul's Covent Garden. Canon John Oates, Rector of St Bride's, Fleet Street, and Chaplain to the Adelphi Theatre, officiated. Mr Jonathan Caldicot-Bull, son, read the lesson. Mr Frank Thorn-

ton paid tribute and Mr Alar Davis gave an address. Miss Liz Robertson, soprano, accompanied by Mr Chris Walker, piano, sang Loverly from My Fair Lady.

Carloo Bernard lecture to the Royal Society yesterday at 6 Carloon House Terrace. Dame Anne McLaren, FRS. Foreign Sec-retary of the society, presided. Dinners

Gardeners' Company Mr D.E.F. Gollin, Master of the Gardeners' Company, presided at the livery and ladies' dimer held lost mithy at the Mersion Merson The Bristol Society presided. The Bristol Society The High Sheriff of Avon, the Vice-Chancellors of the University of Bristol and the University of the West of England and the Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset were original a locture tiver for last night at the Mansion House. Mr t.B. Flanagan, Upper Warden, Alderman Sir Francis McWilliams were present at a Lecture given for the Bristol Society by the Bishop of and Mrs Cecilia Gerrard, Chair man of Surrey County Council also spoke. Oxford at the Council House last night. Mr St John Hartnell, Chair-

Eoropean-Aflantic Group Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, MP, presided at a meeting of the European-Atlantic Group held last night at the House of Commons. Mr Silvio Fagiolo, Italian Special Representative in the European Union Inter-Governmental Con-ference Reflection Group, was the guest speaker. Later. Lord Dahrendorf, chairman of the Saddlers' Company Mr Richard Ling, Master of the Saddlers' Company, presented prizes to the winners in the Society group, presided at a dinner. Lord Judd, Mr Hugh Dykes, MP and Mr Charles Kennedy, MP, also spoke.

Church of Scotland

The winners were: Class I, Mr Peter Hushands; Class 2, and best entry, saddle, Mr Jeremy Rudge, Class 3, Mr Lee Jennings; Classes 4.5.9 and best entry, bridlework, Miss Lucy Batchelor; Class 6, Miss Emma Eccles; Class 7, Mr Johan Ulvede and Class 8, Ms Susan Slade. Ordinations & inductions The Rev Rolf H Biles to Shortlees, Kilmamock The Rev Ian Mellroy to Kirkmaiden with Stoneykirk. The Rev tam A Sutherland to Lybster and Bruan.

Induction The Rev Bruce F Neill to Maxion with Mertoun with St Boswell's. Translations The Rev Kenneth J Pattison from

Associate at St Andrew's & St George's, Edinburgh to Kilmuir & Logic Easter. The Rev Hugh Watt from Lochwood. Glasgow, to Urquhart and Gienmoriston. The Rev Ada Younger from Carthandock & Craigend East, Glas-gow to Dennistoun Central.

gow to Glasgow. Retirement

The Rev John E Gisbey from Khrkmahoe. The Rev John Murrie from Kirklisson The Rev William Taylor from Buckle North.

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Dave and Iris Smith - reliving the days when they courted on a Routemaster

Forty years on the buses

A COUPLE, who met and became engaged on a bus, relived their courtship yesterday by boarding an historic red Londoo Routemaster. Dave Smith, 67, and his wife Iris, 62, were making a commemorative journey 40 years after the most famous of the capital's buses first took to the road. Mr Smith was one of the original drivers oo February 8, 1956. His wife said: "We met on a ous. I was a trainee conductress and he got on and tried to chat me up - but I wasn't having any of it." The couple, from Slough, Berkshire, travelled from Victoria to Crystal Palace to celebrate the bus's birthday. Mr Smith said the Routemaster was revolutionary. "It was a dream to drive - it was just like riding a bike or driving a car. The smoothness was entirely dif-ferent." Many are still in

service today.



500 that were totally refurbished four years ago

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.J. Clark

and Miss J.M. Quallington The engagement is announce between Matthew, elder son of N and Mirs N.J. Clark, of Winehau

West Sussex, and Joanna, daug er of Mr and Mrs J. Quallingto

The engagement is announce between Paul, elder son of Mr ar

Mrs Roy Robinson, of Westo super-Mare, Avon, and Lorn elder daughter of Mr and Mrs

John Smith, of Royston

of Cruckmeale, Shropshire.

Mr P.F.G. Robinson

and Miss LA. Smith

Mr N.R. Caporai and Miss M.A. O'Brien The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Caporn, of Claygate, Surrey, and Marie, daughter of Mrs. Shella O'Brien, of and the late. Mr J. O'Brien, of Manchester.

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Mr C. Carpenter and Mrs G. Verdin

The engagement is announced between Charles Carpenter, of New Canzan, Connecticut, and Greta Verdin, of Oxford. The marriage will take place in New Canaan, op May 5, 1996.

Mr P.N.S. Hanbury and Miss A. Samarine The engagement is announced between Sam, son of Mr and Mrs. Peter Hanbury, of West Harting. Hampshire, and Annie, daughter. of the late Mr Serge Samarine and of Mrs. Mary Samarine, of Co Donesal Ireland

Donegai, breiand. Mr C.P. Handy and Miss A.L. Stephens Tarr The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Profes-sor and Mis Nicholas Handy. of

Newnham, Cambridge, and Anna, younger daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Richard Tarr, of Fulham, London. Mr J.W. May

and Mrs L. Upton The engagement is announced between John, only son of the late

Light of the World shines out anew

BY JOHN SHAW

A VICTORIAN artistic masterpiece which has bung in St Paul's Cathedral since the turn of the century has left the building for conservation work in London.

The stridy, a monumental version of The Light Of The, World, the best-known reli-gious picture by William century, and is an icon. When Holman Hunt, OM (1827-) it was taken down from the 1910), survived the London Blitz without a scratch, but is now showing signs of age. It will be reinstalled for

Whitsun Whitsun. The picture was inspired by the verse: "Behold I stand at Chirist in a garden at night carrying a lantern to show that He is the light of the

Paul's, and are delighted that Hamish Dewar and Amole Wiggins and Sons. the frame restorers, have generously agreed to work on it without charge."

Canon John Haliburton of St Paul's, said: "This picture has been here for almost a wall, a whole lot of pieces of

paper fell out. They were prayers people-had said in front of the painting and then tucked be hind the frame. Some of them were quite old. I gathered them all up and put them in the prayer box and we will say a special prayer for these

people in the cathedral." The painting hung in th south knave aisle but is to b. rehung in the north transer

and Miss L.J. Cowlish The engagement took place Paris, on January 27, 1996, L reast Simon, elder son of Geori and Elizabeth Smith, of Camberle Surrey, and Lisa, elder daughter-John and Margaret Cowlishay also of Camberley, Surrey. Mr C.J. Stopford and Miss F.J.W. Griffith

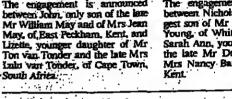
Hertfordshire.

Mr S.J.L. Smith

The engagement is announce between Charles, elder son of M. between Charles, elder son of M and Mrs R.C. Stopford, of Evenie Northamptonshine, and Fion younger daughter of Mrs S.J Alexander, of Mesimenhan Buckinghamshine, and the late M-P.W.C. Griffith.

Mr N.M. Young and Miss S.A. Bates The engagement is announce between Nicholas Michael, your

between Nicholas Michael, youn gest son of Mr and Mrs Leonan Young, of Whistable. Kent, ap Sarah Ann, youngest daughten the late Mr Denis Bates and 5 Mrs Nancy Bates, of Tonbridge



Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Henry Harrison, 9th American President 1841, Berkeley. Virginia. 1773; Edward Carson, 1st Baron Carson, lawyer and leader of the Irish Unionist Party, Dublin, 1854; Anthony Hope (pseudonym of Sir Anthony Hope Hopkins), novelist, London 1863: Mrs Patrick Campbell, ac tress, London, 1865; Alban Berg composer, Vienna, 1885; Jim Laker, cricketer, Bradford, 1922: Brendan Behan, writer, Dublin, 1923.

DEATHS: John Hooper, Bishop of Worcester, burnt at the stake Gloucester, 1555: Nevil Maskelyne, Astronomer Royal 1765-1811, Greenwich, 1811: Henry Gally Knight, architect and writer, London, 1846; Fyodor Dostoy-evsky, novelist. St Petersburg, 1881; long 1972

Johann Barthold Jongkind. painter, Cote-St-André, France, 1891; Sir Truby King, pioneer of mothercraft, Wellington, New Zealand, 1938; Norman Douglas. essayist and novelist, Capri, 1952: Bill Haley, rock and roll singer, Harlingen. Texas, 1981; Yuri Andropov, General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party 1982-84. Moscow, 1984. The first recorded race meeting in England was held at Rooder Fields. Chester, 1540. Lord Darnley, Consort of Mary Queen of Scots, was murdered in Edinburgh, 1567.

The British Government declared a state of emergency after a monthminers' strike,

Professor Sandy Love to the Chair of Equine Clinical Studies. Professor Love was previously a Senior Lec-turer in the university's Department of Veterinary Medicine. Professor Peter A. Kemp to the Chair of Housing & Urban Studies. Profes-sor Kemp is presently Joseph Rowntree Professor of Housing Policy and Director of the Centre for Housing Policy at the University of York Professor Ivan N Turok to the Obair of Urban Economic Development from April I. Professor Turok is presently Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Security Indexed of Strathclyde.

or Simonoyoe. Professor Simon Wheeler to the Cormack Chair of Civil Engineering, Professor Wheeler was previously a Lecturer in Civil Engineering at the University of Ocford

Latest wills Mr John Lapworth Holt, of West Wittering, West Susser, the boat designer, whose first great success Upton Grey, Hampshire, the ear, nose and throat specialist, former consultant at St Mary's Hospital,

was with the Merlin, the 14ft racing yacht which he designed London, a leading authority on throat cancer and a pioneer of laryngeal surgery, left estate val-ued at £369,365 net. after the Second World War. He developed more than 40 class designs, including the Enterprise, Mirror Cadet, GPI4, Heron Hor-net and Miracle, and more than Marie Vera Steele, of South Normanton, Derbyshire, left es-tate valued at EI,095,945 met.

250,000 of his designs can be found worldwide. He left estate valued at E317.421 net. Major-General Alexander Martin

tate valued at ELD25,940 met. She left Ell 1,000 and some effects to personal legators, El0000 each to the Refreat Methal Nursing Home, York, Ontain, and Armersy International British Section. E7,000 to the RNID, and ES,000 each to the RNID, Bristol Cancer Help Dentre, United, Cruse and the RNIB, and the residue equally between the Priends Trust, Bradford School of Prace Studies, the Cheshire Home, Allreich, the Rospice Fund at Kings Mill Hospital. Sution in Askitied, Northinghanshire. Ferrie, of Hove, East Sussex, Deputy Director of Medical Ser-vices United Kingdom Land Forces 1977-81, left estate valued at Ferries Valued at £544.182 net.

Mr John Ferguson Shapson, of

Other estates include (net, before Laxo:-

Mrs Aileen Constant, of Redhill, Surrey Mr Charles Edward Croom, of Ringmer, East Sussex ____ E677,861. Sarah Margaret Drake of The conservation work was arranged by Martin Beisly, director of the firm's Victorian picture department, who no-ticed that the painting needed Marie Gertrude Glover, of

work after he bought two unsatisfactory postcard reproductions at the cathedral. Mr Harold Desmond Francis de Beynae-Sheen, of London W8, retired business executive£592,714. look at the picture and realised Mr Henry Beanloy Parcell, of it was very dirty. We were London SWS _£1.178,783. approached for advice by St

It took eight men to manocuvre the heavy 9ft by 5ft -picture into Christle's which when restoration is completer Hamish Dewar, considere has advised on the restoration to be one of the best restore of Victorian pictures London, said: The picture of the picture and its contemporary frame. The study was painted between 1901 and 1904, and the frame was also designed by Holman Hunt.

He said: Then I went to

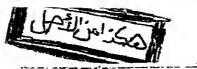
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in good basic condition, but has had a lot of candle smok which comes out pretty black so there should be a very goo. colour change when the woris finished."

Holman Hunt was one c the co-founders of the Pre. Raphaelite Brotherhood, an the picture exists in three versions; the first is at Kebl College, Oxford, the second i at Manchester City Art Gal lery, and the third is the S Paul's version.

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Jeremiah 2 : 19 (REB)	Futurer Parish Church on Friday 16th February at	Creek, much loved and loving mother of Dizza and Theresa and proud transmother of Jonathan,	mother of Margaret and Elizabeth, grandmother of Nicholas, Sarah, Otvia and James and great-	devoted Selber of Victoria and Henry. Funeral at Weston Church, Bath, on Wednesday 14th February at	London Crematorium. Rowas Road, SW16 at 4 pm on Saturday 10th Partury. Donations, if wished, to	90th year on 7th February 1996. Privata finascal, bot a memorial celebration of his life will be announced later. No flowers but donations. If	for the life of Lord Glendevon on Toesday March 26th at 12 noon to The Goard's Chefel, Please	(Bought & Sold) Bugby 5 Nations Planton, Riverdance	RENTALS
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Caroline and Peter are delighted to announce the birth of Hannah Mary Chantal on February 2nd. a	BRACKENSURY - On 7th February, Bety, much loved wite, mother, grandmother, artist, beacher and gardener,	Twickenham. Family flowers or donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign c/o Fredk W. Paine, 71 Walton Road, East	february 18th at 2.00pm followed by Committel al Altrincham Cremetorium. Flowers or donations U wished for Brook Street.	Liardat CB. CHE, DSO. DL. have Hoyai Track Reghment, on SD Fabruary aged S9, pencefully after a short liners. Beloved husband of	1996. Kathien, at Hanter Lodge Norsing Home,	Jones and Son, 30 Market Place, Chippenham SN15 3HP	FLATSHARE	Any Ticket obtained. 0171 488-4414	The COTTL SAS COSA MOUNTALOW CEN Barlant 4 Rouse, 5/L, ptn 827509, 10 Company let. C172 Sop. 128
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daughter Lydia Chartotte, sister to Catherine, greatful thanks to all at Queen Chariotte's.	Pilgrims Hospice please. Funeral 11.30. Wednesday February 14th, Wye Parish Church, theu Barhato	CHOGGON - On February 70. pencebily to Rye Care	Knutsford, Tel: Knutsford. (01566) 634251.	Arendel at 1.30 pm Thursday 18th February, Family flowers only. Dominion to the Royal Tank	their family, Michael and Liz and their family. Private funeral.	February need 93. Much loved by all puncrations of the study. Puncrat. Survice on Friday 16th February at	CER 19709 Protestiquel that Westing service. 0371-889 54991. SWIS Large strue Secting room. Stars, bath/dis. 579 + bills. 0173 382 8799 (atlag spec).	VIP Service	MAYFAIR Selection of 1, 24 bed hubbery Ur face, Avenue From 2505pr 0171 3555 11 NOTTIMODHL, Loz 2 bed, hath fac, Lift, Dater, cise 1 \$340pw 0171 379 4015.
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COWAH - On February 8th 1996, to Mary (née Mannungham-Buller) and James, a son, Fergus Edward	General Hospital aged 49 years, much loved husband of Sandra and father of Charlotte, Christophar, Alexander and Lucy.	Partner of Maples Teesdale. Winchelsen Town Clerk for 22 years, 4 times Mayer and spesker of the Cheme Ports. Frommal service Wednesday	Hospital, Rampstead, on February 6kh. Funeral at Golders Green Crematoriant West Chapel at 11.30 am on	(01903) 71.5939. LOBINZ - Christopher Lorenz died February 701, after a lors Unos, He is survived by	STY. PORCELLY in Stockwart. Philips (P.F.) aged 55 years. formerly of Uppingham School. Husband of the late Disping. Bather of Disma and Hill. wandfaller of Kevin	Barnabas Hospice. a/o Monumantal Funeral Service, 92-94 Broadwater Street West, Worthing, BN24 SDE.	OLBI #700274(#VE).		winty, Madern eng SESDEW, Tel 0371 243 562 Frammond full: well mern m (Mathematical States, rec. Kas. 1 CH 2100pw Main 1 year 0171 722 3019
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a daughter, Elena Lilian, PLUMILEY - On 31st January, to Helen and Barry, n son, Oliver James.	daughter of the late Margaret and William Cheries Church - A Requien Mass will take place at St Pater's Church.	Donations to Action Research for the Crippied Child c/o Fuller & Scott. The Watefyns, Uchfleid, Sussex	F.Massay & Son. Funeral Directors. 0161-3685696). Family flowers only. Domations please, to Cancer	Santolk Hospital, Bury St. Santols, to his 70th year. He will be greatly missed. Fungral at St. Many's Church,	Crematorium, Whielden Lane, American, Bucks, No Rowers pieces, but if deshed donations to Edenhall Marie	Deris Rose and devoted father and grandfather. Funerat at New Southeaste Cremstorium. Brunswick Park Road, New Southeaste	ALL TICKETS 5 Nations Rugby 96	ALL, TICHETTS Rougher, Enter v Re- land. Royad Anene. Polity, Baringsteen, Chapton, AB com- outins, Phenetous with & Stadd Cont avants 03:71 1230 28058 Ft 38054	CRAPPEL Grand Plano. Pal Pintored, rostwood. £2.70 02737 222410 (Survey). PIANOE. Discounds on new 6/
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OBITUARIES

The Most Rev Derek Worlock, CH. Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, died yesterday from lung cancer aged 76. He was born on February 4, 1920.

he 52-year ecclesiastical career of Derek Worlock straddled the period of greatest upheaval and adjustment in the recent history.

of the Roman Catholic Church. Fortunately, most of it happened at a time when he was still young enough to adapt to it. himself. The successful adjustment of the English Catholic community to changed social mores owes as much to him as to: iny man

His remark in 1968 that avoidance of traception was "not the acid test of C. stianity", while irreproachably ortho-dox! nonetheless expressed an English attitude which soothed the handling of that divisive issue among Catholics in the decades ahead. Like Newman, Worlock was someone prepared to drink the Pope's health, but preferred to drink to conscience first.

By far the greater part of his influence was exercised out of sight. Those who oblige others to compromise are themselves liable to be the target of others' frustrations, and Worlock sometimes felt the weight of that. He was inclined to depression, even a touch of paranoia. He was certainly more popular and liked,

Woth by his flock and by those around him, than he seemed willing to allow; Derek John Harford Worlock was born in London, the son of parents, Captain Harford Worlock and Dora Worlock, who were both converts to the Roman Catholic faith. It was a lively and stimulating household, each parent taking an informed interest in the affairs of the day. His father was Conservative agent for the-Winchester constituency, where the familv moved in 1929, and his mother believed in and worked for the emancipation of . women, particularly on the suffrage question

Worlock was the only Roman Catholic pupil during his time at Winton House preparatory school. After his studies at St Edmund's College, Ware, he enrolled at _ the seminary at Allen Hall to train for the priesthood. His ordination was at Westminster Cathedral in June 1944, and his first appointment as a curate was to Our Lady of Victories, Kensington

His discreet and conscientious manner had impressed the authorities at Allen Hall, who identified him as a potentially gifted administrator: possibly his father's example as an "organisation man" within the Tory party had shaped his operating style. Only a year after his ordination he was chosen to be private secretary to: Cardinal Griffin, then in the early stages of his term as Archbishop of Westminster, and thus began Worlock's long association with the internal machinery of -English Roman Catholic institutions.

He was made a monsignor at 29, a very

Cardinal Griffin's life and throughout his successor's reign. On Cardinal Godfrey's death in 1963, Worlock remained to help to settle in Archbishop (later Cardinal Heenan, but had clearly earned himself a. more senior rank. As an obvious prepara-tion for the episcopacy, he was made parish priest of St Mary and St Michael in the East End of London, where he remained for only just under two years but still made a considerable impression. .

There he developed a surprising minis-try for down and outs, and established a pastoral service for the trish immigrants who sometimes arrived homeless and penniless at London railway stations. It is Said that on his consecration as Bishop of Purismouth in 1965, an elderly East Ead tramp turned up at the cathedral to be near to the "Father Worlock" who had

Worlock was of all people, probably the most intimately involved in the English presence at the Second Vatican Council, both as the secretary to the English cardinals who successively took part and as a perifics, or official consultant, in which capacity he toterested himself in. defining and developing the role and status of the Catholic laity. He is believed to have kept a detailed private diary of the council; it is plain that his close involvement in it greatly influenced his theological outlook.

The most immediate English product of the council was the setting up of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in place of the more ad hoc structure of the English hierarchy, and as Bishop of Portsmouth he was the ideal choice as its first episcopal secretary. He also became a consultor to the new Council of Laity in Rome, reflecting his earlier interest, and presided over the Laity Commission which the English bishops created soon afterwards. In that capacity he played the key role in handling the widespread and threatening outbreaks of dissent following the publi-cation in 1968 of Pope Paul VI's encyclical Humanae Vitag on birth control.

orlock kept his bridges intact in all directions, including. the London. intellectual Roman Catholic scene where dissent. was most outspoken, and organised. His own view of the matter was unclear, though he had obvious human sympathies with married couples who found the Pope's teaching too extreme. He was helpful towards those of the younger clergy who found Humanae. Vitae to be an acute challenge to their consciences. But there - is nothing to suggest that Worlock was ever anything but completely loyal to the Pope's position, even if he might have wished it had been differently expressed. His years at Portsmouth were success-

ful locally, with unprecedented ecumienical co-operation and the projection of an image for the Roman Catholic Church in early age, and served to the end of local political and civic alfairs that was

RONALD FLETCHER



THE MOST REV DEREK WORLOCK

well received. He took on a programme of renewal of the local church institutional life that was a model of how things could be done, with lay people closely involved in a structure of consultation at parish, deanery and diocesan level.

Worlock was an obvious candidate for Westminster on the death of Cardinal Heenan, though his long service as private secretary to three previous incumbents had left him with a reputation. unfairly, as a hatchet man who had to carry out tough decisions on behalf of his superiors. More than anything else, this counted against him and he felt a sense of bitterness at what seemed to him to be a diocesan plot to keep him out.

But on the surprisingly adventurous appointment of the Abbot of Ampleforth, almost simultaneously with Worlock's own translation to Liverpool, he was splendidly loyal and supportive. When the newly consecrated Basil Hume led the Benedictine monks into Westminster Abbey for vespers on the evening of his installation at the cathedral - itself an ecumenical breakthrough few who were there will forger-Worlock was conspicuously present, the most senior Catholic prelate in the abbey: .

Liverpool archdiocese had been governed benignly by Archbishop Beck but urgently needed repairs to its structural life before spiritual renewal could begin,- and almost immediately upon his ap pointment the new archbishop tackled this vast and intractable problem. At the same time he took up an earlier acquaintance with David Sheppard, the Anglican Bishop of Liverpool, which both men nurtured into a productive, indeed unique, friendship. Nowhere else in Britain was there to be seen a better relationship, between two overlapping episcopal regimes, and Worlock benefited from Sheppard's insight into inner city life as Sheppard benefited from Worlock's insights into the mission of the Christian Church. Only in Liverpool could it be said that Pope John XXIII's exhortation "to do separately only those things we cannot do ogether" was manifestly achieved.

On Worlock's translation to Liverpool, it was a natural progression for him to move from the post of episcopal secretary of the national conference of bishops to being its vice-president. This maintained his fruitful relationship with Cardinal Hume, who became president at about the same time. They were close allies in several projects: the Liverpool National Pastoral Congress in 1980; the attempt to move the synod of bishops in Rome in a more liberal direction on marriage issues later the same year; and the visit of Pope John Paul II to Britain in 1982. The Liverpool congress was something

of a triumph for the city's archbishop. He

supported the idea in its sometimes awkward gestation period, presided over the complex preparations, moved smoothly round behind the scenes while it was taking place, attending to the fine-tuning, and brought the bishops afterwards to the point where they could endorse, as their own strategy for the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales, most of what the congress had asked for.

Later that year it fell to him to tell the Pope and other world leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, in public, that church discipline on divorce and remarriage was too severe. In the context, speaking to members of the international synod of bishops in Rome, it took some courage for Worlock to question the established line, particularly as the Pope was well known to hold strong and very conservative views.

hough Worlock failed to achieve a public shift — in fact the Pope took what seemed to be an even more restrictive line in his re-- Worlock was undoubtedly sponse voicing a change in Catholic opinion. What he urged was a "development" rather than a change, though on the key issue, the sinfulness of every act of contraceptive intercourse, development indeed meant change. In his own archdiocese, priests were given to understand that he would not criticise them if they used their own judgment: nor if they encouraged divorced and remarried Catholics, in the right circumstances, to receive Holy Communion. But he always made plain that he sought justification for such pastoral strategies in orthodox theological thinking; he was not a rebel, nor did he encourage the rebellious.

Worlock made great efforts to ensure that the Pope was very well briefed before visiting Britain in 1982, and the visit's striking success owed much to him. Even on the issue of Holy Communion for those in irregular marriages, the Pope's remarks seemed to convey a belated acknowledgement of the strength of the Worlock case. At least he did not explicitly condemn what he must have known the Archbishop of Liverpool was discreetly encouraging, emphasising compassion rather than law, Worlock's very point.

One of his small personal triumphs was to persuade the Vatican to allow the Pope to visit the Anglican cathedral in Liverpool, and the sudden spontaneous ap-plause of that mixed but largely non-Catholic congregation was his reward. The moment is still remembered as a landmark in relations between the differenI churches of a city not until then known for a spirit of religious reconciliation.

His service to Liverpool in other ways was immense. At the time of the Toxteth riots Worlock made it his business, sometimes with David Sheppard and sometimes alone, to intercede with the police and with the black community. It was in the course of observing their conflict on the street first-hand that he was

almost mown down by a charging police vehicle. Toxteth brought him close to Liverpool's many agonies as nothing had done before, and opened many doors to the Church which would otherwise have stayed locked.

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Two football tragedies, Heysel and Hillsborough, brought massive grief and notoriety to Liverpool in the 1980s. After Liverpool fans rioted and many fans of the Italian club Juventus died in the ensuing clash, Worlock was crucial in the effort to heal relations between his city and Turin, which he visited afterwards with a civic delegation.

The Hillsborough disaster in 1989 brought one of the most extraordinary acts of Christian ministry of his, or indeed any, career. He visited the stadium in Sheffield where the deaths happened. then returned immediately to preside over Requiem Mass in his cathedral, broadcast live by radio and television. Spontaneously the cathedral itself was packed, and the street and open space outside became the focus of an extraordinary gathering of silent people, many of them young fans or parents of fans, all of them traumatised by their horror and loss.

The occasion, and his words of comfort so widely broadcast, seemed to bring the very mercy of God to meet the city's sore needs. What he conveyed was his total participation in the suffering, which he deeply felt. The last barrier between the shy, intellectual middle-class southerner and this tough northern working-class city had come down. For all his other efforts for Merseyside, struggling to revive its economy, pushing the idea of the free port, opposing factory closures, in-terceding with ministers over the chaotic local government situation, he was never more truly Liverpool's Archbishop than when he stood by its bedsides and gravesides after Hillsborough. Although came some years later, his highly unusual appointment, for a Catholic prelate, as a Companion of Honour in the New Year Honours of last December reflected in part the gratitude of the political world for the work he did at that time.

erek Worlock appeared to have continued the practice of keeping a diary at least until his final illness. It contained, he used to hint, some private glimpses of the Second Vatican Council at work. It would not be uncharacteristic if some of his observations were extremely candid, though in his lifetime he protected his more intimate thoughts and rarely confided in others.

Worlock published a number of books. all except Bener Together (1988), written with David Sheppard, devotional in tone. He edited two anthologies. Take One at Bedtime (1962) and Turn and Turn Again (1971). Each revealed him as a man not only of wide reading but as someone who himself possessed the ability to say profound things simply.

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through the studios when he Ronald Fletcher, radio broadcaster, died on

February 6 aged 85. He was born on July 10, 1910.

RONALD FLETCHER was a BBC radio newsreader of the old school, the possessor of a well-modulated, light tenor reading voice which reminded one listener of a highly pol-ished walnut table. Had it not been for an unhappy twist of fate, he might have made a successful transition to television. Instead, he will be remembered; for presenting innumerable news bulletins and for reading the quotations on Radio 4's Quote ... Unquote for almost two decades. There was something of the ntleman amateur about Fletcher, He was not overtly ambitious, and work was done to finance his real loves of, horse-racing and golf. On one occasion in 1963 he caused a wave of hysteria to ripple sent down. The 1930s saw

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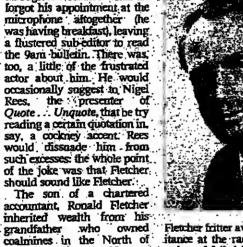
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Fletcher fritter away his inheritance at the races, and in a England. After schooldays at string of failed business ventures." During the war he Shrewsbury, he read English at Trinity Hall; Cambridge. served in an anti-aircraft regi-But he devoted more attention ment, but he was not a natural to the racecourse than to the Back in civilian life, with no iambic pentameter, and was

money but with a splendid

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voice and great self-confidence, he joined the BBC. This was the late 1940s, and Fletcher was employed first on the Light Programme and then on the serious news bulletins of the old Home Service.

His fortunes improved dramatically when he joined up with the Canadian actor Bernard Braden. In 1950 Braden had launched his own radio series, Breakfast with Braden, followed by Bedtime with Braden. These were new, informal types of comedy show, and provided a showcase not only for glamorous personalities of the day, like Braden's wife Barbara Kelly, but for the. talents of young writers such as Frank Muir and Denis

Norden. Fletcher was invited to read the endpieces to the shows. And while he could hardly be said to be a comedian in his own right - his announcements were written for him -

their success propelled him incidentally, to a new level of celebrity. Afterwards he was asked to read for all sorts of light entertainment shows. In the late 1960s Fletcher left

the BBC's newsreading team in order to make a go of it in television. He appeared on Twice a Formight and on the new consumer programme Braden's Week. The latter ended abruptly in 1971, when Braden was sacked from the BBC after a row over his right to make commercials.

Esther Rantzen, who had started as a researcher for Braden's show, stepped in and began to work on a new show with a similiar formula, That's Life. Again. the show's producer thought it would be a good idea to use Fletcher to read the newspaper clippings, 1943. but because of an administrative error it was Cyril Fletcher

who was approached about the job and who went on make a long career on That's Life. Ronald Fletcher's last post was as the resident reader of lst quotations in Quote ... Unquote. 1976-94. He was perfect for the job, capable of bringing

a lump to the throat of a listener one moment, and of making him laugh the next, without ever losing that dignified tone of delivery. He married his first wife

Terri in 1938. The marriage ended in divorce in 1958, and in 1959 he married Rita Dando. She survives him, together with their son and daughter, and the son and

> A SEARCH FOR GUY FAWKES. Very many of our readers have possibly never heard of a singular duty which the Lord Great Chamberlain is bound to perform on the opening day of each Session. It is enacted by r inscribed upon the Journals of the House of Lords that, a few hours before Parliament meets, this high functionary shall, either himself or by his deputy, carefully search the vaults under the House and see that no Guy Fawkes with his dark lantern and

barrels of powder, lies in wait with fell intent to blow up the Three Estates ..., Eight or nine Beefeaters in fails and rosettes, their officer, with his incongruous cocked hat, a few Marshalmen in tail costs and tags, and square caps, with a Policeman or two to remind us of the century. made up the Search party : whatever higher dignitaries may have been present were lost in plain clothes. The Beefenters and Marshalmen and Policemen having been provided with lan-terns, the procession walked through the House of Lords, the Central Hall and the House of Commons, and, turning in at a small side door, descended ao iron ladder to the ventilating chamber beneath the House of Commons. This chamber and all the vaults are whitewashed and beautifully clean, and abound with ventilating machinery. Here the 1988 - 1999 - 19 LIEUTENANT-COLONEL **BRIAN MADDEN**

Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Madden, DSO, died on January 13 aged 87. He was born on December I. 1908.

BRIAN MADDEN was see ond-in-command of the 6th (territorial) Battalion The Black Watch when it arrived in Tunisia in 1943 and took over command when its CO was mortally wounded on April 12. He was awarded the DSO for the bravery and flair with which he then conducted a series of hard battles. These culminated in the final dash across the base of Cap Bon which brought the war in that theatre to an end on May 13, sion. He rejoined on the

outbreak of war in 1939 and Brian John George Madden was educated at Wellington, was adjutant of the 6th Battalion when it was evacuated from where he went to Sandhurst in 1927. His father from Dunkirk. He commanded the battalion in Italy in 1944 and won plaudits for had died of wounds sustained in 1915 while commanding the its performance at Cassino afterwards. He was Battalion The Irish and Guards, and he spent much of seriously wounded in July his youth with his mother's family, the Macpherson Grants of Ballindalloch. Here but he recovered to participate in the battle of the Rhine crossing in 1945. he learnt of his ancestor, After VE-Day he was given William Grant, who in 1725 command of the 1st Battalion had raised one of the indepen-

The Gordon Highlanders, but early in 1946 he persuaded the authorities to let him have dent companies from which The Black Watch was formed in 1739; he was commissioned back the 6th Black Watch, into the regiment in 1928. then in Greece, for the time Sent to India with the 1st remaining before its disbandment in June, after which he again retired from the Army. Battalion he contracted a tropical disease and, judged medically unfit to serve over-Madden was a supremely effective tactician and leader. seas, he resigned his commis-

ON THIS DAY

February 9, 1872

With some occasional flippancy the

writer describes a scene which is still part

of the pageant of Parliament.

air which ascends to the Houses is filtered and

regulated, and warmed and moistened, and otherwise made fit for legislators to breathe.

Thermometers, anemometers, gauges, jets,

whirligigs, and other contrivances are every-where ; but there is plenty of room to spare for

a Guy Fawkes, for we walk through corridor

after corridor clean and empty. The

Marshalmen and Beefeaters, as in duty

bound, take it all au serieux, and peer into air

chambers and recesses as though they really expected to find at least a can of nitro-

glycerine. Down another ladder they descend

to another ventilating chamber, into which air

rushes through strained canvas, which ex-

He had the incisive mind of the chess and bridge-playing mathematician he was. He had complete disregard for his personal safety and it was typical of his style of leadership that as the order to go into the attack at Cassino was awaited he was walking up and down among his men, unperturbed even when a shell splinter nicked his chin. This was not bravado, but his way of showing his men that he shared their dangers. He was a man of great

humanity. He had no truck with those who counted the "bag" of the enemy dead like so many brace of grouse. He felt as much compassion for their wives and mothers as for the families of British casualties. He spared no effort to win in battle, but he was determined that war should not coarsen those who had to wage it. His own lifestyle verged on the austere; but though he himself had no taste for rumbustious and rude relaxation, he never begrudged others their fun.

In 1948 he became assistant superintendent of the Middlesex Hospital, and later secretary of the St Helier group of hospitals. He retired in 1974 and was then a governor of the Royal Star and Garter Home until 1984. In 1969 he had married an army widow. Mary Cummings. She died in 1989 and he is survived by a nephew and two stepchildren.

cludes the smuts. The vaults are, as it were, in three decks, and a third steep iron ladder leads to the lowest Avernus, a descent not very easy. It would be odd indeed if the searchers lit upon so much as a conspiring rat, for the whole place has been lighted up beforehand, in order that the Beefeaters and their tail may know where to step. There are lower depths and darker corners, side cellars, and shut passages into which they do not look ; and what may lurk there no one knows. In fact the rule seems to be on no account to search any spot which

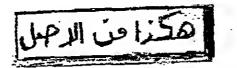
time of Titus Oates-is purely a custom, for we are told that it is not, as taxpayers might apprehend, bolstered up by any fees to those concerned. It is a great, or rather a little, piece of nonsense: but there is, nevertheless, no doubt of the necessity of due and seasonable inspection of the cellars. The Clerkenwell explosion is enough to convince us of this, and we state a fact which, we believe, has never before been made public, when we say that in the Chartist days of 1848 the Home Office received information of a regularly planned Guy Fawkes' plot. A sewer was to be entered from the river, powder was to be placed in the drain already referred to as running directly under the Throne, and the British Constitution was to be blown into the air ...

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Party leaders go to the country

The leaders of the main parties have jointly written to The Times to express support for the protection of the countryside. John Major, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown, echo the language of a similar letter on May 8, 1929, signed by Stanley Baldwin, Ramsay MacDonald and Lloyd George. Pages 1, 17

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A republican activist, who was

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Josie Lawrence, the comedian who began her career in workingmen's clubs, has won an award for her Kate in The Taming of the Shrew Page 3

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Joan Collins took a verbal mauling in the witness stand in a \$4 million breach of contract case with her former publisher, Earlier, she confessed that she had spent the \$1.2 million advance that is at the root of the disputePage 3

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The managing director of an activities centre, jailed for the manslaughter of the four young victims of the Lyme Bay canoeing disaster, is to be freed Page 5

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Young Tory bloods will stop at nothing to win the chance of



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A cue missed

Snooker is a mind game and a lost cue, or one cruelly snapped, can sap morale in a way that those of us who do not play snooker will never understand. Or perhaps we under-stand only too well: and leave the game firmly alone Page IT

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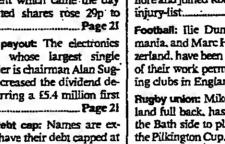
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ur million bucks for two books!" exclaimed an elderly man in a corridor outside the Manhattan court where Joan Collins this week entered a legal battle with her publisher. The old New Yorker whistled in wonder: "Who does she think she is? Shakespeare?"

The case of Random House (UK) & Random House Inc v. Gemini Star Produc-tions Ltd & Joan Collins has blown the bonnet off the publishing world. Book commission-ing and editing, once seen as cardigan-and-ing and editing, once seen an cardigan-and-cocoa occupations, have been unveiled as The case of Random House (UK) &

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complex, brutal, zappy affairs. Thanks to Jum Colline we have seen the highing decisions modern publishers take, the highly complex discussions which must take place before a world of a novel is written.

Miss Collins, less acclaimed as a writer than her sister Jackie, was offered \$4 million (about £2.6 million) not because she could him a pretty sub-clause but because she is a

By Quentin Letts

south of Manhattan's Chinatown was an event in itself. When she alighted from her car she flashed her teeth and let her earrings glint under the flashbulbs of the paparazzi. Summoning her thespian powers she de-clared that Random House had been -aswallow for dramatic effect - had been, well, "cruel". She claimed to be speaking up "for many other authors" and voiced her confi-

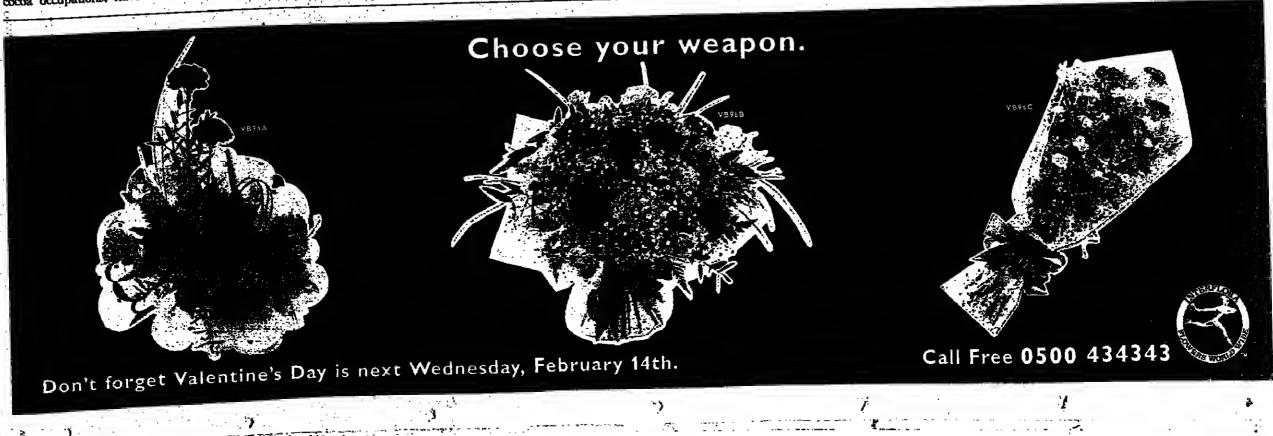
dent expectation of victory. It was superstar stuff but little else would

do. Random House, one of the great powers of publishing, is preved to a high degree. It is dissatisfied with the manuscript Miss Collins delivered for one of the books. A Ruling Passion, she agreed to write for \$4 million, and it wants the return of \$1.2 million it paid as an advance. The court heard the Collins prose described as "very primitive, dated, dull, cliched". She is countersuing for the balance of the \$4 million, arguing that it is no matter whether the work was dreadful or not. What matters is that it was a "complete" manuscript, as demanded in her contract. Despite the vast sums she was receiving,

Miss Collins expected detailed attention from her editors. Her lawyer, Kenneth Burrows, said that she was accustomed to intensive "face-to-face, une-by-line, page-by-page" col-

torial help. It was not given. This sort of assistance is the norm for celebrity authors. Lord Archer takes close advice from experienced book editors when composing his commercial masterpieces. The routine is exhausting. Editors suggest alterations, help the author to improve descriptive passages, make dialogue more convincing.

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HOICE

Planning to see a show or a film, an exhibition or a concert? The Times critics select the best entertainment

OPERA **Rodney Milnes**

TRISTAN AND ISOLDE Wagner is no longer as central to the operatic repertory in London as once he was - a combination, perhaps, of changing tastes and managements unable to afford overtime payments - so Wagnerites will leap upon the English National Opera's new staging of his obsessional love-equals-death drama, sung in Andrew Porter's English translation. David Alden. a dab hand at operatic obsession. directs, with designs by lan (An Inspector Calls) MacNeil, and the cast is led by Elizabeth Connell and George Gray, singing their roles on stage for the first time. Mark Elder conducts: a guarantee of top musi-

cal quality. Coliscum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (0171-632 8000), today, 4pm: Wed 14, 5pm. 🖏

SAMSON ET DALILA Another. obsession, though Saint-Saëns wrong-foots you for the first 20 minutes by pretending it is an oratorio. There is nothing oratorio-like about Jacques Delacote's bra-zen conducting when the juices start to flow, and there is shamelessly grand-operatic singing from Markella Hatziano and Jose Cura in the latest Covent Garden revival. The Bacchanale is just the job for tired businessmen, too. Royal Opera House, Bow St. London WC2 (0171-304 4000). to-night, 7pm; Thur IS, 7.30pm.

CLASSICAL

Richard Morrison

BIRMINGHAM PREMIERE Nothing less than an "introduction to the world" is attempted in a new piece by Sally Beamish. The piece, A Book of Seasons is dedicated to the composer's new-born daughter. and will be premiered by the everenterprising Birmingham Contem-porary Music Group and the evocatively named BEAST (Birmingham Electro Acoustic Sound Theatre) next Friday, in a concert that also includes music by Oliver Knussen, Judith Weir, Jonathan Harvey, Boulez and Stravinsky. "Ever heard anyone argue that all modern music sounds the same?" asks Weir. "This is the concert that argues back."

Adrian Bouk Hall. Paradise Place, Birmingham (0121-605 6666). Fri 16, 7.30pm. (5)

programme. Lucky the city that can boast such an array of pianistic riches in the same week. Let's hope they all get the audiences they deserve.

deserve. Queen Elizabeth Hall. South Bank. London SEI (0171-960 4242); Wigmore Hall. Wigmore St. London WI (0171-935 2141); Barbican, Silk St. London EC2 (0171-635 8900) (0171-638 8891).

ROCK

David Sinclair

ETERNAL Comfortably lodged in the Top 30 with their second album. Power of a Woman, and nominated for Best British Dance Act in next week's Brit Awards. Eternal step out for their first dates here since slimming down to a trio. Although their music is modelled on the American sound and style. they are a formidable homegrown talent in a field that has traditionally lacked a strong British presence. A "spectacular" new show is prom-

ised, incorporating a full live band, ised, incorporating a full live band, backing singers and dancers. Guildhall, Portsmouth (01705 824355), Feb 15: Bournemouth International Centre (2) (01902 297297), Feb 16: St David's Hall, Cardiff (2) (01222 878444), Feb 17. Also Wolverhampton, York, Not-tingham, Newcorthe Ediphymbia tingham, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Manchester, Sheffield, Cambridge, Bristol Sheffield, Cambridge, Bristol, Croydon, Wembley, Belfast and Dublin.

BABYLON ZOO A musical amalgamation of David Bowie and Suede adapted for the post-grunge era, Spaceman has become one of the fastest-selling British singles ever. But the band's identity con-ceals the fact that Babylon Zoo's debut album was played and recorded in its entirely by singer and songwriter Jas Mann. He clearly has a lot of theatrical flair, but will the boy with the X-ray eyes — and his henchmen — now be able to cut the mustard as a live act? London Astoria 2, London WC2 (0171-434 0403), Feb 16.

THEATRE THE TOP IS

Benedict Nightingale

STANLEY Stanley Spencer's first wife sacrificed herself totally for him, his second grabbed what she could get from an "oik" she openly despised, while he floundered between the two, like a sticky-fingered child baffled by the grown-ups. Antony Sher. a bedraggled gnome in cordurov



José Cura brings grand-operatic singing to Covent Garden in Saint-Saëns's Samson et Dalila (see Opera)

Centre, Stockton-on-Tees (01642 611625) Mar I; The Place Theatre, London (0171-387 0031), Mar 8. 9. Also Liverpool, Bury, Inverness. Kircaldy, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Stirling. Cumbernauld and Paisley (details 01382 229500).

CINDERELLA Michael Corder has created a new Cinderella to Prokofiev's music for English National Ballet. David Walker is the designer. Corder, who began his dancing and choreographic career at Covent Garden, has worked abroad lately; this is his first full evening work to be seen in Britain. The Mayflower, Southampton (01703 711811), Wed 14 to Sat 17, 7.30pm; matinées: Thur 15, Sat 17, 2.30pm; Palace Theatre, Man-Coliserm (010171-632 8300). Mar 25 to 27.

THE FILLE HE HERE

Geoff Brown

A LITTLE PRINCESS (U): A gorgeous family film that even improves on The Secret Garden. another Frances Hodgson Burnett novel recently remade for the screen. The powers of imagination are central to the tale of the "little boarding school while he fights in the First World War. They also sustain the director, Alfonso Cuarón. This relatively untried Mexican shows uncommon mastery of the Hollywood machine; and his players, none starry names, never succumb to saccharine sweetness or heavy caricature. Liesel Matthews is the girl plunged from riches to rags, and Eleanor Bron the malevolent beadmistress who tries to outlaw make-believe. MGMs: Chelsea (0)71-352 5096); Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148); Trocadero (5) (0171-434 0031); UCI Whiteleys (5) (0171-792 3332); Warner (5) (0171-437 4343); Water-mans (0181-568 1176).

WITHNAIL & I (15): Bruce Robin-.17, 9pm. 🕲 son's cult comedy about two wouldbe actors at the end of the 1960s, be actors at the end of the 1960s, enduring a miserable break in the Lake District, returns to the screen on its tenth anniversary. The film casts a beady eye on 1960s follies, and observes its characters with loving care. Paul McGann takes the role of "I", the bemused innocent struggling to escape from the advances of Withnail's uncle (Richard Griffiths). But this is Gram's snow, His singer Dee Dee Bridgewater. More Withnail is outrageously selfcentred, an endless fountain of elemental tastes are catered for caustic remarks; and his black bile later in the week with the arrival at keeps the film alive. MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636). Shaficsbury Avenue (0171--336 6279); Ritzy (0171-737 2121). the Rhythmic of the bristling funk saxophonist Pee Wee Ellis, the -legendary James Brown sideman

and usable. Where else but in Italy? Victoria and Albert Museum. Cromwell Road, London SW7 (0171-938 8441), Mon 12, noon-S.50pm; Tues-Sun, 10am-5.50pm. until April 30. 5

WHITEFRIARS GLASS The glass factory of James Powell & Sons first opened in 1834. During the first century of its existence it was associated primarily with the nascent Arts and Crafts movement and worked with William Morris. selling through Liberty and Tiffany among other outlets. In 1923 the company went through a revolution and embraced modernism wholeheartedly. The best-known product was a series of streaky. cloudy, richly coloured pieces. Postwar, the company tended more towards the crisp simplicities of Scandinavian modern. The factory closed in 1980, and its work has closed in 1980, and its work has since been neglected. This show, and an authoritative book, edited by Lesley Jackson, the curator, should help to redress the balance. City Art Galleries. Mosley Street, Manchester (0161-236 5244), Mon. Ilam-5.30pm: Tues-Sat, 10am-5.30pm; Sun, 2-5.30pm, until June 20 chen at the Museum of London 30, then at the Museum of London in a reduced form.

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MARI WILSON In those far-off. easy-living days of the early 1980s. Mari Wilson's beehive hair-do and her tribute to Julie London on Cry Me a River earned her cult status in the clubs of London. What dazzling insights could that post-modern guru Peter York have conjured from her kitsch frocks and gravity-defying coiffure? In her latest guise Wilson is going for mainstream jazz respectability, and she has been helped along the way by guest appearances from such luminaries as saxophonist Chico Freeman. Her current band includes Duncan MacKay oo trumpet and Simon Hale at the keyboard.

Ronnie Scott's. Broad St. Birming-ham (0121-643 4525). Mon 12 to Sat

JOHN ABERCROMBIE/PEE WEE ELLIS John Abercrombie's name graces a shelf-full of albums on the ECM label. His consistency and his ability to slip into just about any genre from bop to fusion has almost counted against him; a there tike his is too easily taken for talent like his is too easily laken for granted. He appears this week with his group Baseline, featuring Hein Van Der Geyn, the bass player who nas deen workin wonders with

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Clive Davis

PLANISTS' WORK Plenty of twinkling fingers at the keyboard this week. Jack Gibbons gives only the second performance in history of Alkan's stupendously difficult 12 Etudes. Op 39 (Queen Elizabeth



Jack Gibbons plays Alkan at the Queen Elizabeth Hall

Hall, Thur 15, 7pm). András Schiff opens his Bartók and Haydn series at the Wigmore Hall [Mon 12. Wed 14. next Sat 17, 7.30pm). And tomorrow, at the Barbican, sparks will fly as Nikolai Demidenko tackles a Chopin and Schumann

specs, gives a meticulous, funny and moving performance in Pam Gems's play, which is both an intelligent portrait of the peculiar loves of an important modern painter and a study of female archetypes in action.

Cottesloe, National, South Bank, London SE1 (0171-928 2252). Evenings: Mon 12 to Thur 15, 7.30pm: matinée: Tues 13, 2.30pm. Continues in repertoire. 🔂

VALLEY SONG The joy of Athol Fugard's first post-apartheid play is that the author himself is onstage, a tiny, bearded figure playing both a writer seeking sanctuary from the urban hubbub and an old farmer afraid of eviction. Social and poliocal change puzzles and worries both men, but for the other character, a 17-year-old Cape Coloured, it represents the chance of escaping the rural outback and fulfilling her dreams in the big city. Out of all this comes a ruminative, question-

that South Africa's future may not be altogether easy. Royal Court. Sloane Square, London SWI (0171-730 1745). Evenings: Mon to Sat, 7.30pm; madnées: Thur 15. 3pm, Sat 17. 3.30pm.

WEST END THEATRE GUIDE

- GALLERIES **Richard Cork**

BRIDGET RILEY A double helping of recent work by one of our most rigorous and enlivening painters. At Waddington Galleries large painongs fill the space with a remarkable sense of energy. Hints of sunlight falling through a wood give way, finally, to the realisation that Riley is above all else an abstract artist. She revels in visual complexity, and never lets us come to rest as we tussle with her teasing ambiguioes. In the gouaches shown at Karsten Schubert a palerand more airy side of her work is revealed. At 65, Riley may well be entering a more expansive and hedonistic phase -- without, of course, sacrificing her formidable

lucidity and structural control. Waddington Galleries, Cork Street. London W1 (0171-437 Soil) and Karsten Schubert, 41-12 Foley Street, London W1 (0171-631 0031). ing piece which gently suggests unol March 2.

> PAUL CEZANNE For the first time in decades, the totality of deur. He turns from Romantic Cézanne's awesome achievement is excess to Classical discipline. But revealed in a great exhibition. there is nothing dry or excessively



Tête à Tate self-portrait of the

artist Cezanne, circa 1866

charged with enormous vitality,

and after 1880 Cézanne learns how

to channel all that fervent emotion

Arriving at the Tate Gallery after calculated about his later work. his triumphant season al the The firmness with which he struc-Grand Palais in Paris, the Master tures his figures, landscapes and still lives is seasoned with sensual power. An unmissable show, filled with awesome and delectable work which amply repays hard, concen-

trated looking. Tate Gallery. Millbank, London SWI (0171-887 8000), until April 28 (for tickets ring First Call on 0990 661 010).

DANCE John Percival

SCOTTISH DANCE THEATRE Neville Campbell, who formerly ran the Phoenix Dance Company. might seem an appropriate director for this new group arising from the ashes of the Dundee Rep Dance Company. Six dancers in four works make up their opening programme, to which Campbell rives the title Human Tales as an indication of where his interests lie. They begin in Edinburgh before a two month tour.

St Brides Centre, Edinburgh (0131-346 1405), Thur 15 to Sat 17, 7.30pm; Dundee Rep Theatre (01382 223530), Feb 19-20; Dovecot Arts

John Russell Taylor THE SILVER OF SAN LORENZO

Of all materials, silver has tended to be most inextricably harnessed. to the past, and traditional ideas of how it should be used in design. The Italians, naturally, have other ideas. The studio of San Lorenzo was set up in 1970 specifically to pitchfork sterling silver design into the late 20th century, in line with new Italian design in plastics and more basic metals. The show at the Victoria and Albert Museum gives a very fair idea of the results. A



who also played on Van Morrison's recently-released R & B disc, How Long Has This Been Going On? The Rhythmic, Chapel Market, London N1 (0171-713 5859). Abercrombie: Mon 12 to Wed 14; Ellis: Fri 16 to Sun 18.

1953 Emma Fielding, Jason Isaacs and Adam Kotz play the lead roles in Graig Rana s version of Racine's Andromache, updated to an imagined lists a define the Mission a sone Particle. Italy ruled by Mussolim s son Patrick Marbor (author of of Dealer's Charce)

directs Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 Rom mai today, 4404) Now previewing 8pm mail today, 4pm Opens Feb 14 7pm D

THE CHANGING ROOM David Storey's tasonating play about a rugby league team preparing for the weekly game James Macdonald directs the thad in the season of Royal Court

Classics Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (017) 836 5122) Mon-Sal, 7 30pm. mats Thurs and Sat. 3cm (S)

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COMMUNICATING DOORS Angela Thome reopens Ayckbourn's avious troe-travel play, lieeing from a vengelul enemy via the doors of a holei that take her forward and back a couple of decades Savey, Strand, WC2 (0171-835 8888) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Wed and Sat.

3pm, 🔂 COMPANY Adnan Lester, Sheka Gigh, Souhle Thompson in an excellent

staging of Sondherm's bittersweet musical on marriage, pro and contra. Dommar Warehouse, Earthern Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732) Mon-Sat. 7.30pm, mats Wed and Set. 3pm. (2)

EAST LYNNE Mrs Henry Wood a La Expandia View Market Market Made S tamous lake of the downfall of Lady Isabel Vane, played by Rachel Power (Mary Garth in Maddiamarch), Philip Franks directs new adaptation by Lisa Evans who made a fine version of The Tenant of Widdle Hall last year. Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-854 2756). New memory 7, 7570 858 7755) Now previewing, 7.45pm, mat loday, 2.30pm. Opens Mon 🔊 LI LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS. Helen McCrory, Joseph Fiennes, Rupert Graves in Simon Callow's disappointing and long (4 and a half hours) version of the film

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696 2238) Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre. CLOCKERS (18). Spike Lee's heavy-handed version of Richard Prop's novel about young drug-dealers in Brooklyn. With Harvey Keilel, Deiroy Lindo and Mashin Philar Empire (0171-377 1234) MGM Troccalero (5) (0171-434 0031) Rio (0171-254 6577) Ribby (0171-737 2121) UCI Whitefeys (5) (0171-732 2332) DESPERADO (18) Overbiown Islow-up Io El Marschi, with Antonio Banderas as the guitar-playing killer seeking vergesince Director. Robert Rodriguez. Clapham Picture House (0171-352 5096) Haymarket (0171-833 1527) Totlenham Court Road (0171-636 6149) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) UCI Whiteleys (5) (0171-732 3332) Wenter (5) (0171-437 4343)

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol Φ) on release across the country ◆ BABE (U). Glorious, vivecous lamity film about a elveep-heroing pig, with a cast of loking animals. MGNs: Fullman Road (0171-370 2636) Trocatiero (B) (0171-434 0031) Pisza (B) (0171-437 1234) UC: Whiteleys (B) (0171-792 3332)

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Social Trady William Wallace, Galson also Grads, Gate, Sunday (2) (0171-727 4043) Odeon Mezzanine (2) (01425 915683) Phoemic (016-983 2233) Plaze (0171-437 1234)

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Device and A BLUE DRESS (15): Splenck(by atmosphere thriller with Denzel Washington as the ordinary Joe in late 1940s Lot Angeles atumpting over compass, police and comparison. Directed by Carl Franklin from Watter Mosley's: Curzon West End (0171-369 1722)

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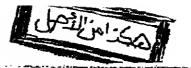
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ONE CELEBRITY author demanded that any limousines provided to her during her promotional tour of Britain must be a certain shade of blue to match her eyes. There must also be three suites at the Ritz: one for her, one for her manager and one for her hairdresser. Different demands arrived by the day and eventually her London publisher despaired of her antics and scrapped the tour, to cheers from his office colleagues.

A New York agent insisted that his client be greeted with champagne at every new location. Unless sufficiently chilled there would be "trouble".

Authors stipulate that the publisher must provide a glitzy launch party - for instance, in New York's skyscraper Rainbow Room restaurant with its magnificent views.

"Only five-star hotels will be tolerated on tour," ran one contract. "The public would think anything else improper." Another touring author insisted: "My manager and personal assistant will need their own limousines, to be available 24 hours a day."

Celebrity authors can stipulate the right to refuse to go on certain chat shows, perhaps because they are too tough or because a show's host has in the past said had things about the author.

ALAN NEVINS, a former assistant to "Swifty" Lazar (Joan Collins's late, legendary agent), counsels his Hollywood clients against silly demands, "Some celebrity authors will expect, say, a party for their book at the American Booksellers' Association," he says. "Launch parties are effectively for the author and friends. They do not tend to help the book financially."

'Most arguments are about hotels, stretch limousines and the number of staff'

Continued from page 1 and delete cliches, excessive adjectives and duff characters. Joni Evans, the perma-tanned Random House editor who gave evidence against Joan " Collins this week, said she ---Evans - and a line editor had gone through "16 drafts" of a book with Lord Archer at his house in the Bahamas. Once that was done, she had jetted off to London to work with Michael Caine.

his is publishing in \boldsymbol{r} the mould of international trouble-shoot-

ing. We have come a long way from the donnish figure of popular imaginationwho reaches into his in-tray in Bloomsbury and discovers a brilliant manuscript. which needs little more than a few typographical tweaks before it can be sent to the printer.

The turbines of modern publishing turn in places such as the midtown Manhattan skyscraper offices of the William Morris agency, a mighty concern which represents poli-

hungry publishers, surveyed global publishing this week from his high office window and said: "A person's celebrity status creates an expectation of high sales, which in turn creates an expectation of big advances. Some people in publishing just do not know how to handle stars. I package a book before taking it to the publisher. Once you have a ghost writer or collaborator and you know what the celebrity is prepared to talk about,

there are few problems." Strone concedes that primadonna behaviour can be a problem, but that comes with the territory. You have to treat these people like stars. You have to expect that they will want to travel first class, in limousines. Most arguments are about hotels, stretch limousines and the number of staff people want to take when travelling. If you try to nickeland dune people, they are not going to be co-operative." When Amy Tan's publish-

ers. HarperCollins, wanted their much-loved star author



Random House paid Marlon Brando \$5 million for his memoirs

M&Ms in his dressing room are separated into different colours, celebrity authors have started to behave in a way many people might consider outrageous: As book publishmg has become a mega business, more companies are accepting these demands. They are recognising the star qualities of authors. Celebrity book deals are a

high risk for publishers.": Soocher said. "When the hit comes, it can be big, but many times they simply do not pay off and you see some celebrity books which are quickly ofbookshops." Random House paid Marlori Brando \$5 mil-

when they sought desperately for jokes to insert, Still, Lady T's substantial advance House must have known, when going into the Collins book, that some fairly serious editorial roadworks would be proved a fair investment. needed. The size of the Collins Edwina Currie, thanks to her high profile and an eye for deal is a credit to her late agent; the legendary lrving a good story, has attracted great commercial interest in "Swifty" Lazar, whose shade has hovered over the week's the book trade but her novel court proceedings. "This is Swifty's last hurrah," said his former assistant, Alan Nevins. was completed only after discreet tweaking. Sebastian Coe, the Tory MP and former star runner, is currently working on a novel to coincide with the Much of the gossip among London publishers last year centred on the £100,000 paid Olympics. He has an assisto Naomi Campbell for a novel, Swan, that she had clearly done little to write.

THE TIMES WEDNESDAY

CHOICE WORDS.

Was this the man she loved The man two short months ago that she had prom ised to love and honour till death parted them? Alain looked putty. debanched, strung-out. His yellow hair was begin-ning to be laced with grey now and there were tired

"What have you been do-ing, Alain? Tell me the truth, please, because I know. "Know what, cherie?" His face was a picture of boyish innocence. "What do you think you know. my little

"Don't call me your little cabbage," she said savagely "I'm nobody's cabbage. Not yours, not anyone's." "What is aff be asked "This isn't like you. What's wrong, Venetia?"

"You're gay, aren't you." Alain?" she asked calmhy. "You're still gay, after all these years." He startd at her. his eyes so blue like hers. doleful, then he drained his glass of vodka and went to pour another. "Who told you?" he answered huskily.

They couldn't believe it when they saw the rushes ... Vene tiz's young bronzed body tiz's young bronzed body filled the screen, writhing, moaning and screaming in paroxysms of pleasure which, Fabio could tell with an unaccustomed flash of jeal-onsy, were not fashed ... both men knew they had a goldming on their hands.

tant. And Michael Heseltine's political books were composed with the sort of help a minister becomes used to, although, as a dyslexic, the Deputy Prime Minister has a better excuse than many authors.

t is not only celebrity authors who take close editing. Such acclaimed "masters" of the pen as Clive Cussler and Jack Higgins receive scrutiny at the editing stage. What they may lack in technical perfection they balance with an intuitive sense of what readers want. Few authors, in truth, present really "clean" copy.

Richard Cohen, one of London's most respected publishers, used to edit Alistair MacLean. The thriller writer was literate but languid. "With one of his novels 1 read the manuscript and told him that he had too many heroines," recalls Cohen. "He replied: 'Och well', Richard, just kill one of them off." The next time they met. MacLean told a shelf life of about three and a



Supermodel Naomi Campbell with "her" novel, and (left) an extract from the Joan Collins manuscript

Cohen: "You killed off the half minutes," said Proffitt, wrong one, Richard - but nae who has just finished three matter." months working on the next

Sources at the Manhattan Lord Archer novel, offices of Random House, worse nowadays? Hilary Ru-binstein worked on the publi-caoon of Muhammad Ali's domain of the wizard Harold Evans, suggest that patience with celebrity authors may have been exhausted, but Evautobiography. He recalls the book's launch party at which ans has only to think of the success he had with General the champion boxer was asked Colin Powell's memoirs last by a reporter: "Did you write year to know that his company the book yourself?" All looked can scarce afford to give up on to the ghost writer at his side, pointed at the man, and said: them. What the Collins case does illustrate, perhaps, is the told him WHAT to write." Joseph Conrad derived much benefit from the editorigrowing determination of publishers to be more assiduous about retrieving advances al efforts of Ford Maddox they feel have not been earned. Ford. And ghost-writing was This is confirmed by Stuart Proffitt, the publisher of trade taken to literal levels by Thompublishing at HarperCollins. 'It is part of the geoeral

as Hardy. After Hardy's death in 1928 his widow produced a tightening-up in the book busibiography of her husband. It ness," he said. Proffitt believes there is no way that readers can be fooled by "books that have been was a good 25 years before people realised that the book - not a critical volume, let us cooked up. Artifically manu-factured books generally have

say - had been written by Hardy himself.

Is publishing really so much

No. He wrote the thing. But I

and, lest one forgets, authors. The décor as you enter the impressive atrium is space-age and muted corridors stretch in all directions. By the outer walls, in high-tech box offices, sit the executive agents, talk-ing urgently, breathily, into state of the art telephones. In the inner core of this giant monument to modern publishing, meanwhile, sit the assistants, runners and clerks, handsome youths with design-

the world. Dan Strone, a William Morris agent who specialises in marrying celebrity clients to

er haircuts and a sharp view of

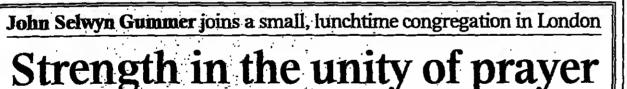
her The Hundred Secret Senses, she was worried about leaving her 20-month-old dog. Babba. The publishers promised to provide daily doggie fixes with animals borrowed from friends so Tan was never lonely. She came." Stan Soocher, the editor-in-

sive Brando agreed to do. Hilary Rubinstein, a veterchief of Entertainment Law 8 Finance, a monthly New York newsletter, said: "Publishing is going the way of the rock n" an London literary agent, says there have been some "gross and preposterous advances" paid to certain stars in recent roll business. Just as one rock years. He feels that Random star likes to demand that the

Cover photograph showing Jackie and Joan Collins by ANNIE LEIBOVITZ/CONTACT/COLORIFIC

woeful effort by Britt Ekland; Martina Navratilova's lacklion for his memoirs, Songs My Mother Taught Mc, but lustre The Total Zone; and a dizzy volume from Ivana Trump, written with more they were a critical and comthan a little help from a former mercial disappointment, not Dynasty scriptwriter called Camille Marchetta. Camphelped by the slim amount of promotional activity the reclubell's book was largely the work of Caroline Upcher, who is now building a literary

name for herself. In the political world, Baroness Thatcher had a whole team of assistants for her memoirs. At one point during composition the work was considered so dry that the team had to attend an anecdote summit





middle of the road where the one-way system forces the traffic to choose between crossing Wa-terloo Bridge or continuing down to Trafalgar Square. When St Thomas a Becket was its rector, it stood on the sandy edge of the Thames but that church was demolished in 1549 to make

way for the palace of the Lord Protector, the Duke of Somerset. It was not until 1724 that the parish

had its own church again when James Gibb completed his first important work in the Italian Baroque style, which he had learnt when studying under Carlo Fornana, the Vancan architect. There is something very un-English about this baroque box, St Mary's. So much so that the royal arms of George I above the apse seem oddly out of place in this exuberantly foreign setting.

We are not a large congregation for the lunchtime service, perhaps a dozen spread about the church. Yet we are given the full Sung Eucharist with fourhymns - no half-measures here. Indeed that sums up the church. The ornate ceiling may have been the work of English craftsmen but it is certainly not reticent. Its Italianate plasterwork grabs the attention up above the plain walls and high windows which are suprisingly effective in keeping the noise of the traffic out. Six candles flank the mbernacle, and there are two more on the altar, while votive lights twinkle before the fittingly ornate statue of the Virgin patron of the church.

The rector finishes tolling the bell and walks down to put on his chasuble in the tiny vestry beside the altar. The first traffic in the Strand!!

hymn is announced, and we are led impressively by two ladies in the front helped by the strongly rhythmic playing of the electric organ. We join in with a London sits to the will and when the celebrant begins the Kyries everyone is ready to respond and the service gets under way with a swing. There are so few of us, so dispersed, and yet so congregational a feeling. Anglican services at lunchtime are normally an effective illustration of the biblical concept of the faithful remnant; this is altogether more encouraging. We are even able to sing Fight the Good Fight without seeming ridiculous.

The rector has a good strong voice and sings the service effectively. We use rite B from the Church of England's Alternative Service Book and the continuing appeal of the traditional language contributes to that feeling of solidarity. It is not only those present who are not

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ARCHITECTURE: A really good first try from the man who built Radcliffe Camera in Oxford, and the Cambridge Senate House. ****

MUSIC: Two stars well earned. **

LITURGY: Good, average Anglican High Church. **

SPIRITUAL HIGH: You can get the strength of a praying congregation. ***

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: What! In the middle of the

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presuming to come to the Lord's Table - we are joined in that by the whole company of so many generations past. Yet within this traditional form we are left in no doubt about the relevance of our faith to the world of today. As befits the Bishop of London's chaplain to the homeless. Father Derek White prays with clarity and directness for the needs of those outside. His language is simple

and immensely effective. As we pray for those caught up in war and disaster, for the addicts and the alcoholics, for the sick and the departed, he creates a sense of real concern for each as he remembers them. It is the anniversary of the Queen's accession and in a sentence he communicates her sense of duty to the nation and her very present need for our prayers. This is no ritual listing, but real intercession.

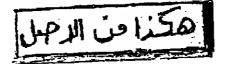
Indeed, here is a praying congregation. During the notices the rector reminds us of the coming of Lent. The parish has a full programme of services for every day, save Mondays. It has produced a special Lenten book with a reading, meditation and something specific to do on every day of the penitential season. Clearly there is an expectation that we will want to make a good Lent. There is only a single rail-full of communicants in a church which could hold three hundred, but the sense of a worshipping community impresses itself forcibly upon the visitor. The nearest person may be three or four pews away, but there is no feeling of isolation. Instead of being a lonely upholder of an ancient faith, you know you are part of the blessed company of fainful people.

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GARDENING



STEPHEN ANDERTON replies to readers' letters

Q I have a large yew hedge. Can you tell me if cuttings can be used in a medicinal way and who to approach about collecting them? - Ms E. Wallis, Crossways, Dorset. A Yew clippings can be used in cancer research and there are several companies that collect them. There is even a small payment per kilogram for the clippings. Companies are interested in relatively small amounts, even a couple of large bin-liners full.

There are certain things you need to know before collection. For instance, clippings must be kept cool. Small amounts can be spread out in a shady place but large heaps will heat up like compost, so some firms supply special sacks, com-plete with a fan to push air into the centre of the sack. Collection should follow quickly after cutting. Some firms offer different

prices according to the qualty of the clippings, ranging from clean, feathery clip-pings to twiggier stuff. Most are not interested in anything of more than pencil thickness. Large quantities can feich 50p per kilogram. For collection. contact: Friendship Estates. Old House Farm, Stubbs Walden, Doncaster DN69BU (01302 700220): Philippe Wanty. PO Box 118. Chichester. W Susser, PO18 OEL (01243 545455); Yew Clippings Ltd. Milton Mill. West Milton, Bridport, Dorset DTo 3SN (01308-485693).

first and to add washing-up Our problem plant is liquid to the spray to make Q Yucca gioriosa, Adsure it does not run off the shiny leaves. There are am's needle, which blooms many things which gly-phosate takes several applitoo late in the year, at Christmas. Can you sugcations to kill, and builts are st a way to cure this? --Mr J. Norman, Lincoln. With leaves as sharp as a yucca's around, who can blame Adam for wanting to stitch together a loincloth? Yuccas are fabulous in bloom, but that 6ft white candle is always late. In a cold garden, it pays to plant it against a south wall to speed nature along. or to plant the smaller but earlier Yucca filamentosa. Some years ago we took over a garden in which somebody had planted grape byacinths.

The things are spreading like a plague, and thrive on weedkillers such as Roundup and Tumbleweed, and, when they bave spread into gravel paths, shrug off PathClear and even sodium chlorate. Any ideas? - Dr M.D. Begley, Frome, Somerset.

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A pretty blue, but in-sidious, aren't they? Muscari grow from a small white bulb, producing lots of bulblets every year as well as seedlings. They spread like mad, by fork and hoe and mouse and mole. Think hard before introducing them into an area of close gardening, however pretty they may

look as an edging. Growing them on a grassy bank solves the problem. Removing them from a border is difficult because, like celandines, their bulblets are so numerous that it is almost impossible to dig them up. Attempts at serious digging usually let some hulbs drop even lower into the soil, making them harder still to eradicate. Heavy shade stops them flowering but will not kill them except over many, many years. However, you might smother them into insignificance with a heavy herbaceous ground cover. Where the bulbs are in

Stephen Anderton lightly prunes, as a start, a 12ft multistem yew that is crying out to be topiarised. To the left is a skeletal, badly pruned old apple tree that "will have to go"

The best thing you can do for a new garden, and sometimes the empty soil, you might try removing and sterilising hardest thing, is simply to look at it. Not to rush out the soil. What a job! Where and start doing things, but just they are among the roots of to look, and think. shrubs, persevere with the Roundup (glyphosate) but be sure to bruise the leaves

When I moved into my new house near Saffron Walden in Essex in December it snowed a little and then, without a breath of wind, froze for a week. All I could do was look.

Then the birds arrived. The children had hung peanuts in an old apple tree outside the dow and the word got around that there was a free meal. Numbers were few at first, perhaps because the garden has been inhabited previously by a couple of rough-and-tumble dogs, but soon there was all the usual cast of garden birds, plus greenfinches and treecreepers. Below them, a posse of pheasants patrolled the lawn, as if with arms behind their backs. and pretended not 10 be eating the fallen peanut skins. But waiting gets you down. After the thaw. I started to spend half hours standing about in the garden, hatching

plots and plans. Mine is not a huge garden, but quite big enough. Most of the plot lies to the back of the house, on the east side, in a rectangle 80ft by 110ft. Beyond my boundary is a neighbour's field, and then a row of tall pines along the edge of a stream. If these were thinned now, a few would stand a chance of becoming grand old

pines with broad heads. In my garden there is a good matrix of trees around open lawn, and oo these might hang the future garden design. Two big, mature, flower-ing cherries flank the south side. They will be a powerful sight when in flower, and there is no point planning much else nearby until spring shows what colours they will be. Will they be white? Will they be billious pink? (Of course they will.) Will the birds take all the buds every year and the trees never flower? If so, they will go. because cherries are greedy. shallow-rooted trees and worthwhile only in a small garden if they perform. Dead ahead centre, against the bottom fence, is a 30ft horse chestnut, which I take to

The thing to do with a new garden is nothing. Just look and plan, says Stephen Anderton

wants to grow. On the other

hand, you can encourage borse chestnuts to hold their

be the ordinary white one. If It underneath, where nothing were the pink form, there would be a circular scar around the trunk, where the pink scion was grafted on to the plain stock. I would prefer it to be the white form or,

branches right down to ground level. My tree is planted hard against the fence and, by the better still, the late-flowering time it is a big tree, half of it Indian horse chestnut. will be hanging over my neighbour's land. It will be in Aesculus indica, which has

conservation area I may not be allowed to take it down. I must check with the local authority planning department.)

Anyway, have I not always railed against people who move into new houses and immediately start cutting down trees before they have had chance to see what purpose they serve? I must see it all in summer first.

dawn redwood, Metasequoia glyptostroboides, sits by the fence, and at its foot a collection of handleless Edwardian garden rollers (they did so love to roll in those days). On close inspection, someone has "rolled" the redwood, and there is a sizeable patch of bark missing at ground level. The chances are that, as a result, it

ture tree. Damn those rollers. Out on the lawn, however. is own the left flank a real promise: a 12ft of the garden, to multistem yew of loosely cotthe north, is my

The thinking man's plot a nasty thought: if this is a Leylands is a surprise. A 15ft

will never make a good, ma-

one of them. In gravel, sodium chlorate will work, even if the bulbs have sufficient energy reserves to produce several death throes. · Readers wishing to have their gardening problems answered should write to: Garden Answers, Weekend. The Times. Pennington St. London El 9XN. We regret that few personal answers can be given and that it may not be possible to deal with every request. Advice is offered without legal respon-sibility. The Times also regrets that enclosures accompanying letters cannot be returned. beautiful glossy leaves. his way. Perhaps it should go In time, the horse chestnut now. It is, after all, the most will make a good tree and a important place in the whole powerful focus for the bottom garden, and getting this right of the garden. But if you plant quickly would be most valua large, greedy tree as a focus able. But oo, give it a year and in a small garden, there is see what the tree does for the always the problem of how to garden in summer. (Suddenly. handle the dry, rooty space

WEEKENDTIPS

 Prune large-flowered clematis, tidving back early-summer flowerers, and cutting down to 2ft the late-summer ones. • Dress the soil below established hedges with bonemeal, and apply residual granular herbicides if needed. Sow early salad crops, such as lettuce and radish, under glass, or even in a frame or cloche. · Resist the temptation to cut back winter-damaged grey and Mediterranean plants until April. · Complete the removal of dead stalks and leaves from herbaceous plants to compost heap.

business park. Pride of place goes to the ohso-necessary garden shed, a splendid Wendy house, rotary. washing line, compost heap, another big cherry and three 30ft Leyland cypresses, which are quietly smothering a deodar (Himalayan cedar) and a Lawson cypress. If the Levlands do not get the deodar, the cherry will in another couple of years. The Leylands really ought to go although, just now, they make a fine screen and a

splash of February greenery. But soon they will be 40ft high, and then 50ft and impossibly dominating. My neighbour to the north will be able to grow mushrooms in the gloom of his south-facing greenhouse. Tucked at the back the

tage-loaf configuration and crying out to be topiarised and pulled into the greater scheme of the new garden. I could relent and do that now, but should I wair? No. That I shall begin. Then it can start thickening up this year.

In general, this year should be for planning: for getting to know the soil, to see how clayey it is, to see where bulbs spring up, to clobber serious weeds, to see where the warm, sunny corners are, and the cold ones, to see if we will use the garden door in summer. and m see if the frost really does have me in its pocket. Meanwhile, the pheasants think the Leyland cypresses are wonderful, and in the dustbowl under their canopy the birds wallow in ecstasy.



What's in a plant name?

SAY WHAT you like about the giving of cut flowers, the principle of the thing is safe enough. Even if the beloved cannot stand chincherinchees, the flowers will at least die within a couple of weeks. Not so with plants for the garden. Giving these is a much trickier proposition. Stephen Anderton writes.

I would hesitate to ask someone to put up with my taste in plants for ever ... "And how is Yucca "Vittorio Emmanuel It? Doing well for you?" In fact, YVE II was probably given away at the first possible opportunity.

But it is these outrageous names which make the gift of plants stick in the mind of the present givers, and which keep them wondering how Rosa Golden Wedding and your marriage are doing.

So popular is R. 'Golden Wedding' with prospective donors and, particularly, with the nursery trade that, when the first, 1938 RGW disappeared from cultivation, a new one was bred to replace it. There is now a stack of golden opportunities on the wedding list. including 'Golden Celebration'. 'Golden Anniversary'. 'Golden Days, 'Golden Moments' and, of course, Golden Years'.

Find That Rose, a booklet published by the British Rose Growers' Association.

The rose is one of those plants, along with violas, irises, rhododendrons, fuchsias and dahlias. that has attracted a huge range of first-name titles. And there is no doubt that this helps to sell them to an

of First Name Plants, was produced, so if you want to give your Desirée a 'Desirée' for her birthday or as a Valentine present, you know where to look. And, if she doesn't like the plant, it will be that much harder for ber to dispose of than a plant with just a Latin name. Binning one's namesake is like cutting one's toenails in public; difficult for semi-superstitious reason

as 'Marian'. But 'Harrison' the bosta is altogether more appropriate. More chunky. "Hiya, Harrison!" That sounds more like it.

Curiously, houseleeks (sempervivums) have been a favourite target among plant breeders for receiving the names of mothers, wives and daughters. Curious, because it would be hard to think of a less dumpy, earthbound little plant. 'Ronnie' on the other hand, is a good name for a houseleek. Neat, cheerful and completely reliable.

Would we remember Daphne now, or the daughters named after her, if she, when being chased round Antioch by a randy old Apollo, had had the lack of good fortune to be metamorphosed by Mother Earth into a houseleek? Or a pebble plant?

THE TROUBLE with buying a plant for its name alone is that a familiar handle does not guarantee its quality or character. Names carry such different messages to different generations. Salvia 'Madonna' might mean the plant is black and spiky, or virginal white or celestial blue. Association is entirely in the mind of the beholder.

When it comes to it, most of us are capable of buying plants for others that we do not want for ourselves and without any help in the choosing from other people. Who can honestly say that at some time they have not bought a shirt with the wrong sized collar, or an appealing plant for which one has neither real use nor space? On the other hand, how flattering it is when someone brings a plant which shows just how much they have considered your tastes and needs.

Perhaps; if I have a house-warming party. I might acquire four dozen 3ft-tall container-grown yew trees for my hedge?

The Directory of First Name Planis costs 12 from D. and P. Hartshorn, Nonesuch Cottage, Badby, Northants NN11 3AW, Find That Rose - a Guide to Who Grows What is compiled by the British Rose Growers' Association, c/o The Editor, 303 Mile End Road, Colchester, Essex CO4 5EA.

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Looking through this booklet of names. it is striking how many more of the names listed are female than male. The plants

'Golden Years', an anniversary rose were bred, I suppose. largely by men, and

named after their lighter loves. The male

names are mostly serious and old-

fashioned, in the manner of 'Arthur' and

'Arnold'. There is no Rosa 'Clint' or

'Brent', although there is the locker-room

rose 'Sexy Rexy'. a mid-pink 30in-tall

floribunda rose. But, thorns or no, roses

surely must be essentially female things,

People, they say, become in time like

their pets, but do plants share the

characteristics of their namesakes? Plants

with such conspicuously human names ought to be christened with great care, so

that plant and name can live comfortably

that bold foliage and stiff flower, to be

anything but male. No one - even

someone who talks to their plants -- could

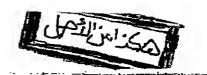
go out in the morning and address a hosta

I could never imagine a hosta, with all

soft, perfumed and gorgeous.

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GARDENING

Making a modern medieval garden

Garden historian **Sylvia** Landsberg has designed Queen Eleanor's scented bower

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he beautiful 15th-century French manuscript shown right is one of the sources that I used to design a garden that would soften the austere Great. Hall in Winchester, the only remaining building of Henry It I's 13th-century castle. The original idea came from

the Hampshire Gardens-Trust, which proposed that aroyal pleasure garden of around the same period as the castle be re-created. In 1986 Hampshire County Council built the garden, and it is now. open to the public. The garden is named after

the queens of Henry III and his son Edward I -- Eleanor of Provence and Eleanor of Castille respectively. They were the first queens in this country to have a recorded interest in gardens, Eleanor of Castille even arranged to pay for her Moorish gardeners to return to Aragon on her death, in 1290. It may have been through the quen's continental background that the brightest stars of the medieval herbaceous border, such as pot marigolds, wallflowers, lavender and the hollyhock, were . introduced to England.

Queen Eleanor's Garden as a whole - as opposed to the garden illustrated above - is a narrow triangle, some loyd x 30yd, typical in size and shape of the tiny

HOMES & GARDENS

painting

The flower-filled bower, left, created as part of Queen Eleanor's Garden in Winchester, was based on this 15th-century French illustration. The whole garden is packed with flowers and ornaments

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castle gardens of the time, would be some corner in a which were wedged between garden in which to sit and buildings. It is also similar in perhaps cat or drink. The style would range from rough banks and a crude trestie table size and position to many private London gardens and,like many small, modern ones, in a peasant garden, to a high it is packed with flowers and level of carpentry in a royal or ornament in the upright as aristocratic garden. well as the horizontal plane. A The medieval bronze falcon perches atop a shows a turf bench surroundhand-carved, stone fountain, a ing a turf "carpet", the whole water channel trickles through probably enclosed by a low the garden, and there are brick wall. Planted in a bed stone and wooden benches, built into the top of one wall is with decocations copied from, a border luxuriant with red and white pinks, taller single carnations and probably marlocal contemporary garden features. A rose and vinejoram. In the larger surround-ing garden, not shown, other covered arbour leads towards the enclosed flowery bower where a medieval queen might . scented plants, such as lavender and stocks, complete the have retired to play chess or olfactory picture. On three sides of the bower garden the

. This is the part of the garden illustrated above, and it is backs of the turf seats are typical of the period. At all planted with red and white roses, Rosa gallica officinalis levels of medieval society there

and Rosa alba - now known as the roses of Lancaster and York. Although the method is not visible, these roses are either interwoven into, or tied back onto, the trellises. The back of the enclosure is completed by the vines on the side of the tunnel arbour.

Elaborately carved posts support diagonal and square-In Queen Eleanor's Garden this French medieval illustrapatterned trelliswork. At the

FACTFILE

· Based on The Medieval Garden, by Sylvia Landsberg British Museum Press, E12.99. Available February 12, 1996.

• Queen Eleanor's Garden is open daily from 10am-5pm but is best visited from April to early July. (Queen Eleanor's Garden, Great Hall, the Castle, Winchester, Hants.) Admission free.

The author is a garden historian, designer and lecturer who specialises in 12th to 17th century-style gardens, 118 Highfield Lane, Southampton, SO17 INP.

top of the arched entrance tion has been re-created to a there is a heraldic crest, consize of 4yd x 5yd. The turf seats firming a wealthy owner. The were constructed from stacks picture illustrates Boccaccio's of turves to a height of about Emilia, ('weaving a suble garland for her head" in 20in, infilled with soil behind, used to grow the plants. All this is contained within a low Chaucer's translation for "The wall of timestone blocks. The Knight's Tale"), sitting here in seats were originally newly the shade of two hawthorn fronted each autumn with pegged-on turves. It has been difficult to prevent these from drying out, and one wonders if. they were created for short visits only - a Chelsea flower

show effect. The garden trelliswork is made from 3in x 3in square oak posts, onto which a square rellis of conifer poles is nailed. The archway is topped by a gold-leafed ball and heraldic shield displaying the quar-tered devices of Eleanor's father, King of Leon and Castille, which she was enti-

tled to use - gold castleon red, purple lion on white. These were copied from her gilded tomb in Westminster Abbey. The garden has the same species of rose - Lancaster and York - as in the illustra-tion. Careful pruning prevents the onset of rust.

> inks and carnations cannot be grown since these did not reach England until the end of the 15th century. Instead, yellow wallflowers and native cowslips for spring are alternated in the summer with single pot marigolds - Calendula officinalis and the little native pansy, Viola tricolor, with winter savory for scent. This planting scheme pan-

ders to the greater visual demands made by visitors techniques. rather than the priority given

Ransomes wins

to scented plants in medieval times. The roses flower for only two to three weeks in late June or early July. A painting, deceptively, flowers all year. The little "herber" is finally carpeted with wild flowers, in particular ground ivy an germander speedwell, giving a fleeting sheet of blue in May. A table on which to play chess

completes the scene. There are many reasons why one would not wish to transform a present-day private garden into one of medieval style, Short flowering periods, floppy plants, proneness to rust and mildew, late opening of vine buds, to name a few, However, some features described here can look well in a modern garden, and a chapter in my book (details left), explains some of the

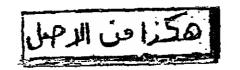
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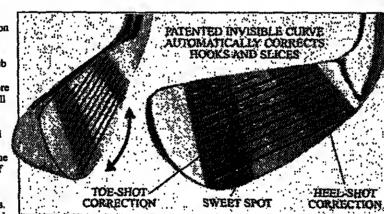
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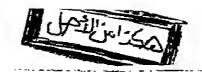
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SHOPPING

Putting the Roman back into romance

Jill Parkin tests a selection of Valentine presents to see if they succeed in

setting your beloved's pulse racing

Lupercalia is just days away and there's not a wolfskin thong to be had anywhere. Not for love or money. First the sacrificing of dogs was outlawed, then wolves became extinct in Britain, which made running about in their skins tricky. Finally, public thonging of women lost some of its political correctness. Eventually Val-. entine's Day took over - and it's all

about love and money. Instead of enjoying a good old fertility festival, we send an out-ofseason red rose with a weak neck that breaks after a day or two. Who was St Valentine anyway? He has been omitted from the calendar of saints' days as probably non-existent. He has survived only because his alleged martyrdom day falls a day before. Lupercalia.

Be conventional on the 14th if you wish, but purists should reclaim their day with something Roman. Examining the entrails of a dog for omens may be going a bit far, but there's no reason why you shouldn't shuck an oyster or 12 and examine their innards with a loved one. Half a dozen of the aphrodisiac bivalves will cost £13.50 at Wheelers in London and Brighton or £3.95 at the Magpie Cafe in Whitby.

Today's Antonys might fancy giv-ing asses milk to their Cleopatras, but will probably have to settle for a bathful of goat or sheep milk instead. That could be pricey: Harrods ... charges £1.10 and £1.30 a pint.

If you'd die for your love, send him a CD of Purcell's Dido and Aeneas and hope he arrives with several gallons of sheep's milk to douse your funeral pyre before it gets too warm. If your sweetheart is literary-

minded, remember the Romans were good on erotica. Whatever your sexual preference, Catulius (Poems, Penguin Classics, £6.99), and Ovid (The Erotic Poems, Penguin Classics, £8.99) will have done it and commemorated it in verse.

I've always wanted a man to buy me packets of seeds of all Shakespeare's flowers. He could plant them. in a Bard border, and I could trip among them muttering about rosemary for remembrance and pansies for thoughts. If you like the idea, but not the digging, go for the book - Shakespeare's Flowers, Royal Shakespeare Company, £4.99 - telephone. orders 01789 296860.

> nderwear is a tricky one. The shops I rang all said: "Something red for Valentine's Day." I think red is

he Roman fertility festival of JP: When I first saw him I wasn't sure, but he's growing on me Husband: He's very good, but I'd be rather worried if someone gave him to me. Who was that chap in Brideshead? I'd only give it to someone who was mad about bears. And I don't think I'd want to be involved with a woman who was mad about them.

PC-P: He's fantastic. I'd definitely buy him for my girlfriend. Id be pleased to be given him too. (Perry and Teddy left the testing together.) Sweet 16: He's fun. He doesn't

scream "commitment" at you. Nonthreatening. Heart rate - 5 out of 5. But only for the young ones. And isn't three years of watering a commitment?

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JP: I haven't got the self-confidence to like something that vulgar. Husband: Does it play a tune? PC-P: For teenagers - but it's tacky. Sweet 16: I actually know someone with one of these. Not for me. I suppose if you put in on your desk it tells the world you've had a Valentine.

Heart rate - 1. My three-year-old fell for it but her idea of a Valentine is Thomas the Tank Engine.

FLOWERS FOR A MAN

Interflora, £30 - freephone number is 0500 43 43 43. Our florist came up with a burst of red and yellow sunflowers, amaryllis and carnations, backed up with eucalyptus and willow. It was the hit of the testing, even with my husband, who had complained about the smell of some hyacinth flowers the day before. JP: Just right for a man. Nothing droopy or Victorian about this. No ribbons, no scent. Given to a woman, it wouldn't be romantic, but this would knock a chap over without

being cloying. Husband: Almost shockingly good: It's in a water-bag, so you don't have the fuss of having to arrange it. I'd just plonk the whole thing in the salad bowl. If you had this in your flat and a mate came round, you wouldn't be embarrassed. Just the job. Not smelly, either. PC-P: I'd be really flattered if a

woman sent me flowers. No problem with that at all. These make a good splash. Sweet 16: I'm not really into flowers

It's quite a heavy thing to send someone



tarty, but men ca to be embarked on if you know your. love really well.

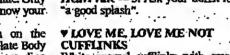
For a checky variation on the chocolate theme, try Chocolate Body Paint (BhS, £3.50). It's for spreading on ice-cream, bread or bodies. Not to be mixed with expensive underwear. You could actually use the line "Come up and see my etchings" if you had one of the heart designs by Jenny Tapping waiting for your sweetheart. The tiny, hand-coloured etchings range from £11.50 to £19.50. Ring 01787 247865 for details.

If you have the money to shop at . Cartier (017)-493 6962) and yet would like to keep tabs on your investment. their gold love bangle (from £2,600) may be for you. It has to be put on by the giver and comes complete with screwdriver.

Lupercalia was still on my mind when I asked our Valentine testing panel to check out a few of this year's. gifts. "Send me a young man in a wolfskin," I cried. Instead, I got Perry Cleveland-Peck, an editorial assistant at The Times, in a silk shirt.

Our panel consisted of Perry, 25, ; my husband, 53, my stepdaughter, 16, and me, 37. In all cases, our judgment may have been distorted by consumption of too many chocolates.

WOSS TEDDY BEAR Fitzroy's, £35 (0171-722 1066). Next-day delivery in London. Allow up to a week for the rest of the UK. With regular watering the bear could last three years.



White enamel cufflinks with small red hearts, one broken. Sackville and Jones from Fenwicks, £14.95. Available by mail order on 0171-629 9161. JP: I've never bought a man cufflinks. These are quite jolly. Small and not flashy. Husband: They're witty. I'd wear

PC-P: I'd be quite thrilled with these. Cufflinks are a great idea. Sweet 16: Pass. Heart rate - 4.

▼ AMOR VINCIT OMNIA PICTURE FRAME

Metal gilt-embossed frame 4in x 3in with small heart-shaped cut-out for photograph. Modulus from Fen-wicks, £23.95. Available by mail order on 0171-629 9161. JP: It's good and heavy but it doesn't improve with time.

Husband: Hideous. PC-P: It's OK, nice and weighty. I like it more than when I first saw it. Sweet 16: Not at all. Heart rate - 2.

WHEART AND BIRDS

WALL HANGING Red plaster heart, 6in high, with two hovebirds perched on top. Liberty, 59.95 Mail order: 0171-734 1234. JP: I like this. It may be heart-shaped but it looks a bit rough-hewn, almost



Romeo and Juliet would probably opt for the traditional love tokens of flowers and chocolates, but you could try the moss teddy bear from Fitzroy's, £35

distressed, which stops it being naff. Hushand: I like it more than I did at first. In the right place it would be fine: there aren't many right places. PC-P: I've been to houses full of things like this. It's good. Sweet 16: It's worse than the picture frame. It looks like a decoration from a house in Neighbours. Heart rate - 3.

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WALKER CHOCOLATES Heart-shaped box with I Love You or other message in gold-wrapped chocs, £34 for 23or, or heart-shaped chocolates in hand-made fabric box, £20 for a quarter of a pound. Available by mail order on 0771-001 0020

0171-491 0939. JP: The little hand-made box is lovely. If it's an established relationship, this is the one. Husband: No. Go for quantity. The big box is the one. The I Love You message is irrelevant. The heartshaped box registers with you and you can't wait to tear into the chocs. Heart rate -4.

PC-P: The small box would be better for someone you want to woo. It's FROM THE RSC subile. The big one is for an established relationship. You expect to share those on the sofa. The little box is just enough for one. Sweet 16: Love the chocs. It's a schmalizy idea, but who's going to complain? Heart rate -4. BED CUSHIONS

Heavily embroidered cushions, Heavily embroidered cushions, 14in x 14in, with Shakespearean quotes from Midsummer Night's Dream or Romeo and Juliet. Royal Shakespeare Company, 01789 296860. Titania, £15.99; Romeo and Juliet, £16.99. Junet, 10.99. JP: They're beautiful and sexy. I'd prefer these to underwear any time. Husband: A bit different. Quite a strong message - not for someone you've just met at the bus-stop. PC-P: A lovely romantic gesture. Sweet 16: Almost as good as the

Royal Shakespeare Company, 01789 296860, Printed with hearts and a romantic quotation from Shake-speare, E2.85 or E10 for four; also from Liberty, £3.95. JP: I think these are adorable. Mass-

JP: I think these are adorable. Mass-produced cards can be dreadful unless you get those "blank for your own message" ones. Husband: They're almost a present in themselves. Though it's rather playing the field to buy four in a pack, isn't it? PC-P: I like this idea. It shows you've

given the person some thought. Sweet 16: Exactly, it's much nicer than just grabbing something off the shelf

Heart rate - 5.

 Costumiers: Angels & Bermans (0171-836 5678). Flowers: Paula Pryke (OIFI-837-7373) for Interflora. Shot at The Peacock House, Addison Road, Holland Park, London, with thanks to the Richmond Fellowship.





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From left Amor Vincit Omnia picture frame. £23.95; cufflinks, Fenwicks, £14.95; calculator, £13.50



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Juliet with Charbonnel et Walker chocolates, £34 for 28oz box

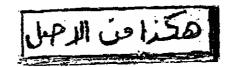
Above, from left bed cushions, £15.99; hand-made cards, £2.84 (or £10 for four) from the Royal Shakespeare Company; beart and birds wall hanging, Liberty, £9.95



Romeo with Flowers for a Man arrangement from Interflora, £30

Hearts and flowers — variations on a theme

chocs.



SHOPPING

Next time you're in Paris for le weekend, follow in the footsteps of Alicia Drake for a successful buying spree

Left Bank, right buys

arisians are Europe's shopping profession-als. While others torture themselves with pre and post-purchase guilt, Parisians view buying as a pleasant pastime. They limit each outing to one arrondisse-ment that they can cover on foot, punctuating the trip with stops for espresso and kir before striking with a serious purchase, which will be beau-ifully influtement So, when tifully gift-wrapped. So, when spending a weekend in Paris, adopt the locals' antitude and be selective about

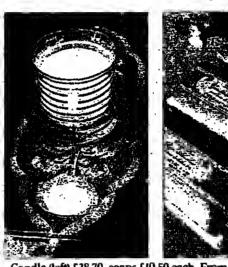
shopping. Rather than attempting an assault on every bou-

Above: handmade hats by Marie Mercié. Right: nylon travel bags by Herve Chapelier



tique, department store and flea market, choose one area and walk it. The quarties around St Sulpice and St-Germain des Prés on the Left Bank is ideal. The streets are full of shops selling everything from chandeliers to foie gras, and the area has many attractive squares and cafes. Start around the church of St Sulpice, built about 1700. If you want a kickstart. there is the great little Café de la Mairie, which faces on to the place St Sulpice. The north side of the square used to be lined with shops selling sur-plices and rosaries, but these have been replaced gradually by boutiques and the couturiers Yves Saint Laurent and Christian Lacroix.

The suggested shops on my route have been chosen for products that are not widely available in Britain. Just off the square at 1 rue du Vieux Colombier is Herve Chapelier (00 331 440 70650), which sells smart 331 nylon weekend bags and backpacks. In Paris, adults buy Chapelier's cashmere sweaters and stu-dents buy his bags, but these are far too good to be kept for lectures. All bags are lightweight, machine-wash-able and in duo colour combinations, such as chocolate brown and pale pink, or navy and deep crimson. Prices



Candle (left) £38.70, soaps £10.50 each. From Annick Goutal

start at Fr135 (£18) for e bath bag, Fr190 (£25,35) for a vanity case, and Fr300 (£40) for e weekend bag. Diagonally opposite at No 12 place St Sulpice is the perfumerie Annick Gontal (463 30315). You are now heading into Parisian "luxe"

country. A former concert pianist, Goutal started making scents in 1981. Her perfumes are stylish and discreet and their exclusivity gives them the edge on most commercial scents. Madonna wears Passion, the Prince of Wales uses eau d'Hadrien, and when Prince William was born the late President Mitterrand sent him a gift of the baby scent. This tiny branch at St

per kilo. If you still have the tor of the socialist magazine francs and energy, cross back over the boulevard St Ger-Latitude, Mme Mercie says

that, when designing, she ima-gines "a beautiful woman with panache, who would have fought in the Resistance". Her hats are often quirky, always stylish and are lapped up by Parisians, and by French and American actresses.

or daywear. Mme Mercie offers funky felts, such as a handmade crenellated hat costing Fri.400 (£186). For evening and weddings she has more extravagant creations, which start at about Fr1.800 (£240) and are often made to measure. If you are in Paris just for the weekend and have. a coup de foudre (love at first sight) for one of her made-tomeasure hats, she can take neasurements and send you the hat in about three weeks. Turn left up the rue de Seine and then left again on to the boulevard St Germain and

Sulpice stocks scented candles in glasses, which the Parisians are mad ebout, refillable and priced at Fr290 (£38.70). Bars of bath soap are Fr79 (£10.55) and there is a range of head for the Cafe Flore at No 172, an ideal spot for lunch. fragrances in eau de toilette, Less touristy than Les Deux from Fr220 (£30), or eau de Magots next door, it's one of those Left Bank philosophe cafes from the 1910s, now Then turn left and wander along the rue St Sulpice for turned Paris glamour. A glass or so of bordeaux later, you can step out along window shopping or real shopping depending on your budget, with the Catherine Memmi boutique (440 72226) boulevard St Germain to rue

des Saints Pères, turn right, at No 34 for cool cream and and down the road at No 30 is the chocolatier Debauve & beige table linen and Beauté Divine (432 62531) at No 40 for Gallais (454 85467). Estabantique objets for the dressing lished in 1800, the firm made chocolates for Charles X and Louis XVIII, and still makes a: dental-defying selection of lux-ury chocolates at, Fr440 (£59)

At No 23 is the milliner Marie Mercić (432 64583). Self-taught, and a former Edi-

table.

parfum, from Fr296 (£40).

Marie Mercié hat. from £240

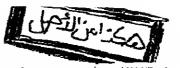
main and follow rue des Saints Peres until you meet the Carrefour de la Croix Rouge. Here is the Contesse du Barry shop (454 83204), per-fect for stocking up on jars of foie gras or boudin (an unspeakable piece of offal rather like black pudding which Parisians love), from Fr61 (£8.15) and Fr44 (£5.90) respectively. Just along the rue du Cherche Midi et No 4 is the swimming costume store Eres (454 49554). If you have ever wondered where those Cote d'Azur sophisticates get their slick bathing suits, this is the place. The costumes, one-piece or two, are simple. flattering and well cut, with prices at Fr555 (£73) for a basic bikini and Fr750 (£100) for a onepiece. You can buy bikini tops and bottoms separately to mix and match to suit your shape. Back at the crossroads and off to your left at Sevres Babylone is the department store Le Bon Marché (420 03345), which is small, slightly old-fashioned and the pre-

ferred department store of Parisians. The ground floor has a big new menswear department, Balthazar, which stocks Givenchy, Hermes. Kenzo and Celine.

This may now be the time to ather up all your bags and follow another Parisian custom - slip off to a bar and sit watching the world go by.

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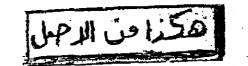
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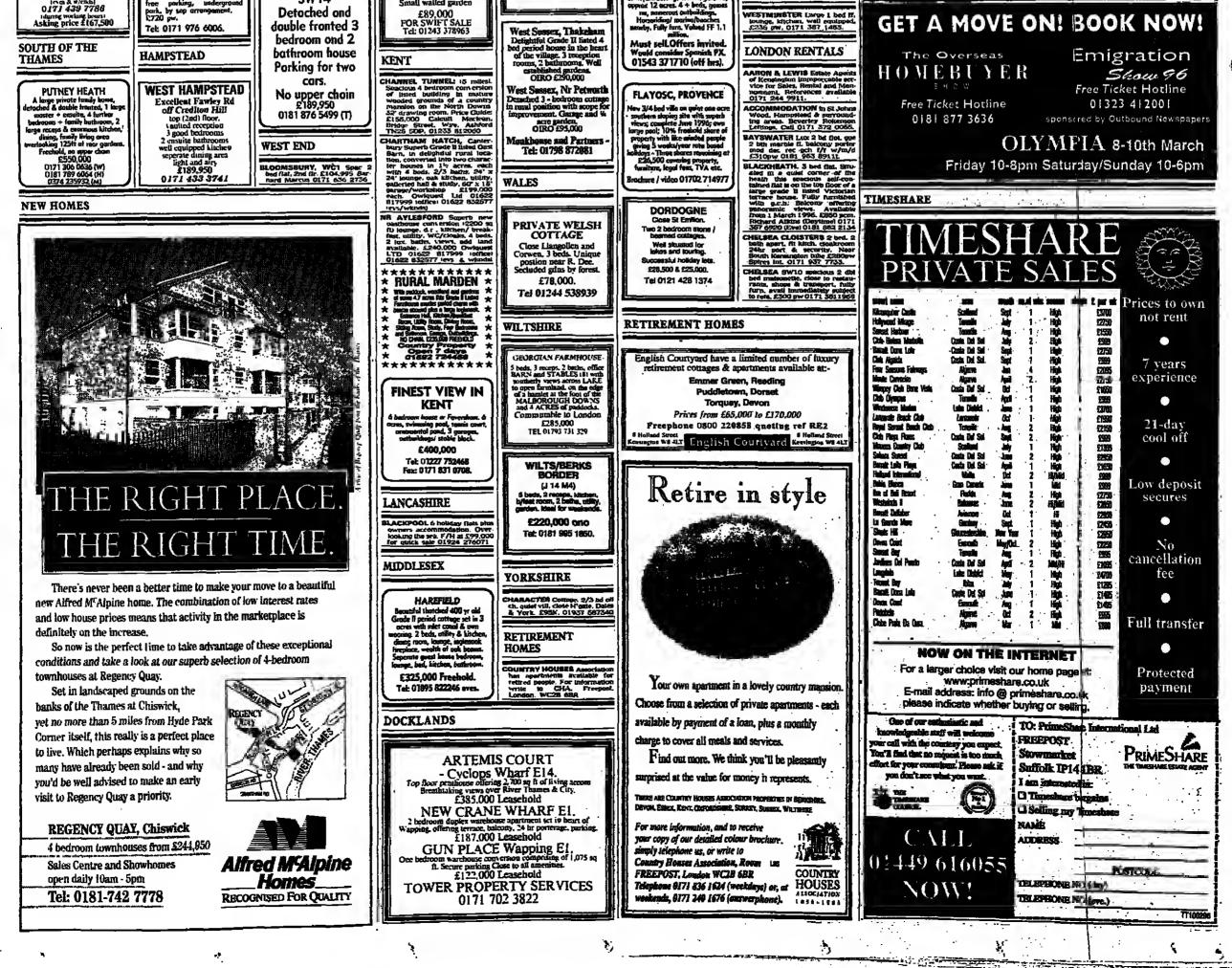
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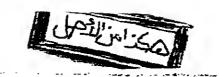
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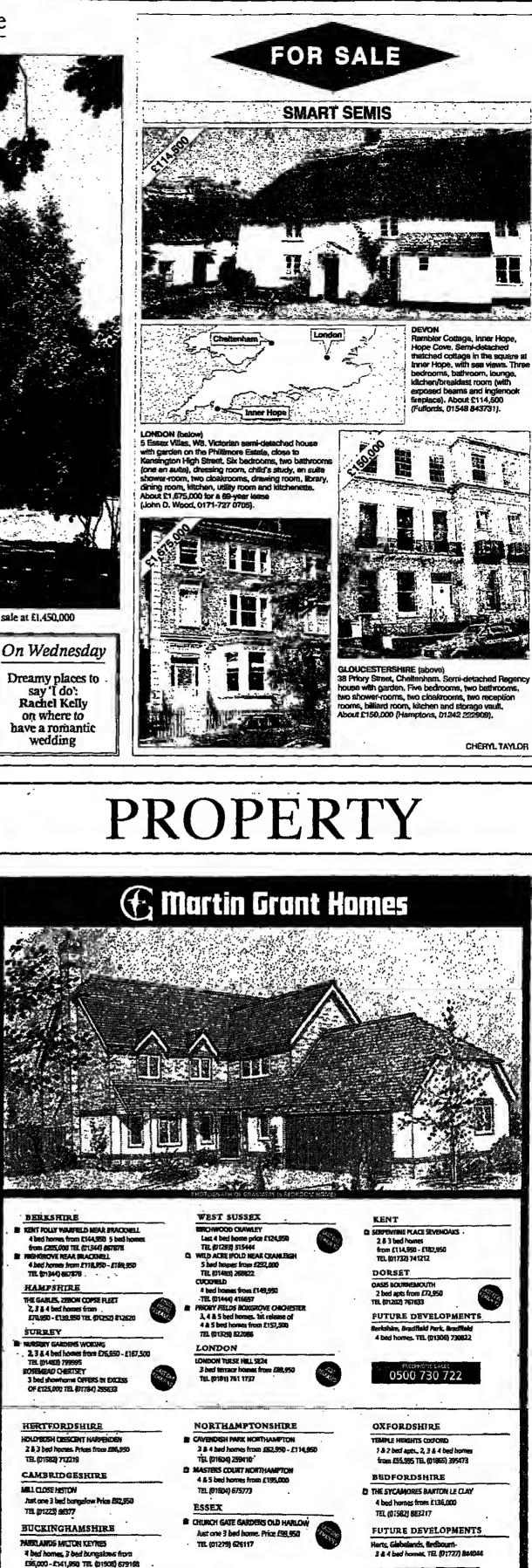
Nice place, smart area, in-and-out drive - ambassadorial necessities in Courtenay Avenue, Highgate, north London, for sale at £1,450,000



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Frank, gardens and in-andout driveways are features that the ambassador must have. "Such attributes are particularly useful for really big functions," he says, "espe-cially on the country's national day of celebration." But there ew properties of thi



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its chandelier. Our example (above) is No 7, which is for sale at £1.450.000 through the agents Keith Cardile Groves. The house has five reception rooms, a Gohic chapel, extensive gardens, four bedrooms, a guest suite games room, staff flat and ; large driveway. impressive but why does the the agent cescribe it as being ambassatorial"?

Chris Usderhill, the manag-er of KCG's Highgate office. says: "Fora start, there are siz or seven ambassadors' residences in the road." The house is presently occupied by a diplomar and the road is a low-profile and secure environment Should there be an official function, temporary barriers can be erected to control access. And, of much importance to diplomats, it has an in-and-out driveway.

The house is large enough to enter ain at least 200 people. It's also near the centre of Londor, yet far enough mith of Whitehall to hear the birds tweeting in the morning, "says Mr Underhill.

There are many aspects. then, for a diplomat to consid-

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same way that rurabiles were But there are elevated to aristocritic status. houses elsewhere But what constituts an amthat seem uncombassadorial residence? fortable with their A fine place tostart would new role. be in Courtenay Avenue in-

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ond best, but t is not without? shop. Opposition came from, among others, Sir Ronald Arculus, a former British ambassador to Italy. Wishing to keep his part of Kensington as residential as possible, he complained that the embassy and residence would cause traffic congestion, a shortage of parking spaces, queues for visas, and the occasional noisy demonstration. He lost his bantle.

olland Park, west London, is the latest to experience a vasion. The Uzbekis, Belarjans and Ukrainians are opening embassies and residences there, and some of their reluctant neighbours are displaying signs of nimbyism. Others are less convinced that diplomatic neighbours are a problem. Willy Gething. who runs Property Vision, which buys houses in central London, says that such com-plaints don't hold much sway". He speaks from personal experience. "I was near a number of residences and

embassies when I was living in Holland Park," he says, "and I suspect that the local

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£3.95 million would buy this house in Hamilton Terrace, St John's Wood

police patrolled our roads more than they would if the diplomats hadn't been there. It was a boon. I even used to leave my briefcase in the back of my car at night. As far as I'm concerned, God bless the diplomats - and anybody complaining needs their head

examined." But pity the poor ambassa-dor. He or she is obliged to find a property that suits their country's needs without raising the national debt. A typical budget for a suitable London residence would need to be between EL5 million for a relatively low-key diplomatic presence, to £5 million for creating a big splash. Ideally, the residence should be within the existing watch of the Diplomatic Protection

Group (DPG) - concentrated mainly in Holland Park, Kensington, Mayfair and Belgravia. However, the South Korean ambassador is rather fond of his Wimbledon resi-

dence, and the protection group is obliged to provide protection wherever the resi-

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dence is located. According to Richard Crosthwaite, of the agents Knight ER...JUST A TECHNICAL AND YOU CAN STILL SO MUCH SPACE, SO SEE THE WATTLE AND POINT. HAS THIS ONE MUCH CHARACTERI BEEN CONVERTED YET? THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF DAUB IN THE WALLS BARN CONVERSIONI DAUB?



For ambassadors on a more limited budget, Knight Frank is offering a freehold house in Highgate with seven bed-rooms. an in-and-out driveway and a 124ft garden at E1.4 million.

Those with a large house to sell in central London may be tempted to believe that theirs could be described as "ambassadorial". And they could be right. Brian D'Arcy Clark, of the agents Chesterfield, stipulates that "Much of the accommodation can be modest, but the reception rooms have to be large. The space can vary from 3,000sq ft to 10,000sq ft. Freehold is preferred, and the property has to be in good condition, or requiring only a few minor alterations." Failing that, if you have a

little place tucked away in the Home Counties, why not put it up for sale as a "consular cottage ? Even diplomats need weekends away.

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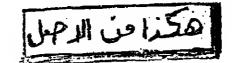
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ROOKS

A member of the NCR Book Award panel, Andrew Roberts is confident of avoiding the acrimony that has dogged other prizes

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RUDE GIRLS By Vanessa Walters Pan, £3.50

VANESSA WALTERS is a sassy-looking, black, 18-yearold author from north London who is already at work on her second novel. To judge from her debut. Rude Girls, it too will be tightly plotted, with a good ear for dialogue, a slightly enervating propensity to list every item of clothing her heroines are wearing and a moral-happy denouement five pages from the end.

Things move along with enough bounce and vigour to satisfy the teenage readers this is aimed at - Yardie's daughter Shree, single mum Paula and upwardly-mobile Janice have been best friends "since the beginning of time" and look for relief from the whiteout oven of London summer in all-day festivals and endless mutual hair-dressing sessions. Things start to go pear-shaped when Shree's dad shoots a business associate in the middle of a drug deal and the three girls are bound up in a revenge attack.



Walters: bounce and vigour

Further pressure is put on the friendship by Shree's lust for a dodgy Yardie who always turns up at the most inopportune times in a large black Mercedes and "accidentally" snogs her just as the plot needs a fight or an argument. Meanwhile, Paula forges more independence from her domineering mother and Janice has a run-in with a smarmy yuppie in the throes of denying his blackness. While Walters displays un-

hen my car was stolen last December. driven to Stoke Newington and completely stripped, the thieves left only three articles: my green

and The Architecture of Southern England by John Julius Norwich. so which most interested us. The Perhaps they already had a copy. prospect of being forced, for the first If so, may I recommend to them time since Eng Lit A level, to read all of a book I did not necessarily another of Lord Norwich's works, Byzantium: The Decline and Foll, like therefore receded. Next month the third and final part of his great we will read each other's three or trilogy. It has been submitted,

along with 144 other works of four favourites to create a shortlist. history. biography, travel and non-fiction for the NCR Book Award, of Our last meeting, to choose the which I am one of the five judges. When the judges met for the first time at AT&T's headquarters on the Marylebone Road in London just before Christmas, Jeremy Paxman, our chairman, set out a few, very

winner, takes place in the hour or so before a huge dinner at the Dorchester on May 22. The other ground rules - that we would not take into account how rich the winner is before awarding

quickly. My whispered question about the ethics of taking away some books to give as presents to family and friends was answered by a magisterial wave of Paxman's hand. "Treat it like Christmas shopping without the money." Under the aegis of the formidable

Dotti Irving, who has run the prize (formerly and henceforth called the NCR Book Award) for a decade, we finished quickly and left.

Whatever advertising executives may say to the contrary, I do not believe we remember advertise-

attention. For the price of two or three full-page advertisements in the national newspapers, AT&T can organise and pay for an award which will get its name into the allimportant editorial as opposed to just the advertising pages.

The winner gets a large cheque, the runners-up receive £3.000 each, the judges also receive a modest fee for their half-year readathon, the company gets free advertising into diary stories and columns like this. the public gets the fruit of our deliberations and the literary world

A most gentlemanly jury welcome, ground rules. We were consider what other awards be or not expected to read all 145 books she might have won or narrowly awards do work in bringing the awards are thus proof that some-but should each take away the 20 or missed — were also agreed on name of a company to public times capitalism can benefit everyone.

Having met the other judges - Cristina Odone, Nick Hornby and Sue Butterworth - I suspect I shall soon be feeling like the shrivelled and embarrassed little man in the Bateman cartoon at whom everyone in the cocktail party is staring and pointing. The caption shall read: "The man who served on an uncontroversial book award." I simply cannot see the five of us yelling or intriguing or playing the martyr when it comes to making our choices

The Booker and Whitbread seem almost designed fo these rows. with Julian Critchley and Rachel Cusk dashing off into print the moment the choice is made Geordie Greig, bools editor of The Geordie Greig, boos ealtor of the Sunday Times, has accently called into question the entile basis of the Whitbread selection process. Last year's AT&T, chailed by Alan Clark, which controversially phumped for a dismal adobiography rather than Juliet Baker's muchtipped and brilliant life of the Bronté family, was no exception. I predict this year the ICR award will be professional, dignified, serious, harmonious if not manimous. and therefore instantly forgettable in the great saga of book brize rows.

•Andrew Roberts's novel the Auchen Memorandum is published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson

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Jan Morris is captivated by a new, definitive guide to the City of Light that is good enough to eat

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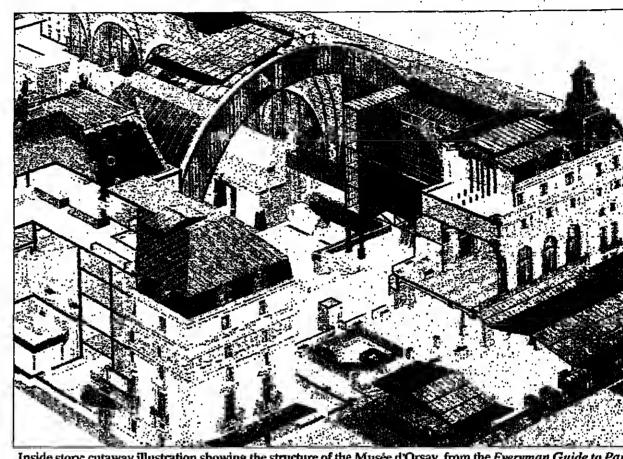
guidebook as a work of literature seems 10 be a dead notion: no Richard Fords are telling us what to expect of Valencians ("perfidious, vin-dictive and empty of all good"); no E. M. Forsters are an adult interest in every dvising us how best to look at Alexandria ("wander aimless-

ly around the city"). In every other kind, though. the genre flourishes as never before. We have guides for the rich and guides for the indi-gent, for the cruise buff and the backpacker, for gays and for senior citizens. We have architectural guides more brilliant and informative than ever, and we even have solid, old-fashioned academic guidebooks, not perhaps as pithy as the old Murrays and Baede-kers, but still written by schol-

ars for serious travellers. This week sees the publication of what one might call the advisers, authors, researchers, flagship of this immense and illustrators, designers and wildly assorted fleet. A few photographers are acknowlyears ago Gallimard, the venedged at the front. It contains erable Paris publisher. launhundreds of architectural ched yet another new kind of drawings and cutaways, from guide, intended to be more Roman Lutetia lo La Défense. discusses and illustrates permanent, more sumptuous It and more seductive than any. street furniture, haute couture, gardens, wildlife, muse-In England the series was adopted and adapted by women, department ums. Everyman Books. French in stores, the Seine and, of style and inspiration the series course, cuisine. There is a remains, nevertheless, and so lovely portfolio of paintings by the great painters of the city. it is proper that it reaches a climax now in the publication There is an anthology of of the Everyman Guide to quotations from writers as Paris, one of the most alluring varied as Boswell, Joyce, Alice guidebooks ever published. B. Toklas and Evelyn Waugh. As a souvenir of a visit And there are also, though somewhere, or as a book to less satisfactorily, the conventional registers of a city guide-book: city walks delineated read in bed at the end of the long day's tourism. the Everymans are unbeatable. They monument by monument,

look lovely. They are elegantly printed on rich, shiny paper. They are virtuous examples of the designer's and cartographer's craft, and they assume

aspect of a place. Not all the Everymans concern ciries - some are about countries or regions, and there is one about Parisian restau-rants - but they are best suited to the discussion of a metropolis, and though Paris is by no means my favourite city, the Everyman Paris is as good an example of the series as any. It feels and smells so good that, rather than spend a small fortune on some hypedup entree in a conceited Paris restaurant, I would eat it. The range of the book is astonishing. I am not sur-prised that more than 200



Inside story: cutaway illustration showing the structure of the Musée d'Orsay, from the Everyman Guide to Paris

lists of shops, hotels, restaurants ("not the place for a casual tourist, but for people who really understand food.

very latest thing, they end up by being rather fin-de-siècle dix-neuvième siècle - like langoustines with caviare.

AUDIOBOOKS

nerving enthusiasm and a healthy disrespect for her male characters, her failings are all too apparent by the third chapter: stolid storytelling unrelieved by those bursts of imagination and prose that mark out the truly gifted from the merely talented. Still, should her career as a novelist fail to take off, she has some interesting ideas about coiffure and should do well as a hairdresser.

CAITLIN MORAN

sians who . . . came to taste the carpaccio of langoustines with caviare" (ugh!)]. The whole work is strewn with maps and glorious illustrations, and would make old Mr Baedeker, or John Murray. Esquire, turn in their graves with envy - or embarrassment.

But these are the quibbles of such as the sophisticated Pari-

CHART WATCH

For there is something a little embarrassing about these marvellous examples of biblio-technique. They are a little over-marvellous. They never let up. Intended as the

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time when I can travel no more, and they will come and sit with me beside the fire and be my memory's guide.

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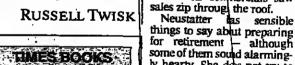
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suffers a single moment's self MISSING JOSEPH doubt. One cannot help feeling that English soccer would By Elizabeth George, read by Derek Jacobi have been infinitely more fun if Cloughie had run our nat-Corgi Audio, £8.99 (3 hours) AN unchallenging - murder mystery starts with a meeting ional team for a spell.

PERSONAL PERSPECTIVES Meanwhile, Irvine Welshmania continues, with both Trainspotting and Acid By Brian Redbead; read by John Humphrys, Peter House showing strongly. The end of the festive sea-Hobday, Sne MacGregor and John Timpson son is firmly signalled by the arrival of Rosemary Conley's Reed Audio, £7.99 (3 hours) AS THE main presenter of the **Complete Flat Stomach Plan** Today programme, Brian Redhead was always a controat No 17, and the end of the festive hangover by the reap-pearance. at No 16. of Malversial broadcasting figure -Denis Thatcher used to refer coim Gluck's Superplonk 96. to him as "the enemy". But

the hill, it added to their personal growth. And most of them are happy that they listened to their body clock and were brave enough 10 when he died, there was an make normous changes at

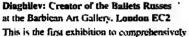
outpouring of national affec-tion for him. This collection of almost he last minute. Neusatter does not underestimate the problems of the middle yars - the possible loss of lov, libido and looks as well as hurtful invisibility in the eye of the world that comes with the first grey hair. But she geefully sniffs out signs of the changing times: more job oportunities for the middle-age, because there are fewer yung people; more notice taken of them by adver-tisers, not because they have suddenly falen for mature allure but recause of the dizzying statilic that the overfifties probaty own about 80 per cent of al the wealth in gin and Child at the National Gallery. They both wonder: Britain". An example of this changed apprach is that the supermarket clain that hired orah and her husband visit the Lesley Joseph in her role of vicar, they find he is dead. Dorien (the nyaphomaniac of Hints of witchcraft, violent sex a certain age if the television sil-com Birds of a Feather) to star in its commercials saw and police corruption flesh out the Rendell-style mixture.



for retirement - although some of them sound alarmingly hearty. She does not try to convince fiftysomethings that the best is yet a come but suggests the possibility of growing old without feeling that even one toe i already in the grave.

TWO FOR ONE ADMISSION TO MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

THIS WEEK'S TIMES AND BARCLAYS PREMIER OFFER



examine the achievements of the great Russian impressario Sergei Pavlovich Diaghilev (1872-1929), founder of the Ballet Russes, charting his versatile career chronologically until his eventual exile from Russia in 1914. It features over 300 works drawn from both public and private collections in Russia and the West, including some previously unseen in Britain. Admission £5 full price. £3 reductions Passport holders entitled to two for one admission Barbican Centre, Gallery Floor, Silk Street

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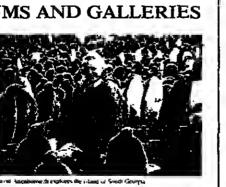
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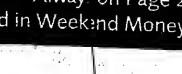


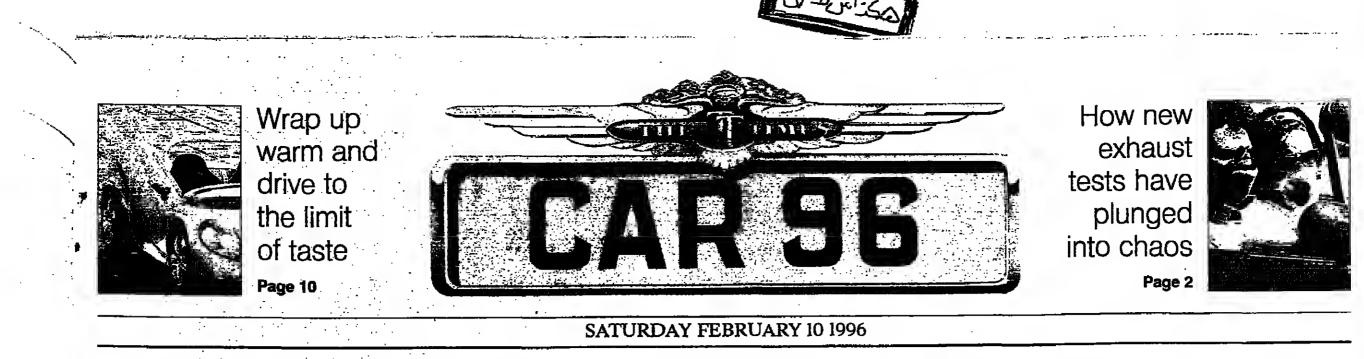
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My unforgettable One for the road

Tony Dodgins, Grand Prix editor of FI Racing, discovers what Fl reality is like behind the wheel

yrell's regular driver, Mika Salo, paced about like some expectant father. He was worried about "his baby" having all its limbs.

The Finnish Formula One ace had been smart enough to negotiate one of the 1995 cars for keeps at the end of its useful life - a moment that was seemingly fast approach-ing. The car was out there on a drenched Barcelona track in the hands of a journalist whose racing experience amounted to a season of endurance Pro Karting.

Now, Pros weigh around 100 kilos and are powered by two 5.5bhp Honda generator motors; a Tyrrell-Yamaha 023 weighs 500 kilos and has a. monstrous 700bhp. A power to-weight ratio roughly 13 times as great.

Crass, mindless stupidity or simply extreme folly? Could a mere mortal handle it? A man more used to climbing into a Sierra 4x4. A man whose painstaking preparation amounted to five laps of Barcelona in a Citroën Xantia Turbo Diesel the day before .. in the dark?

en Tyrrell will be 72 on May 3; It is 27 years since his team won the first of three championships with world Jackie Stewart. He's seen it all. Still, he wanted to see this. When I pointed out we shared a birthday, a broad grin lit up the craggy features. "I just hope you're going to see a few more . . . "

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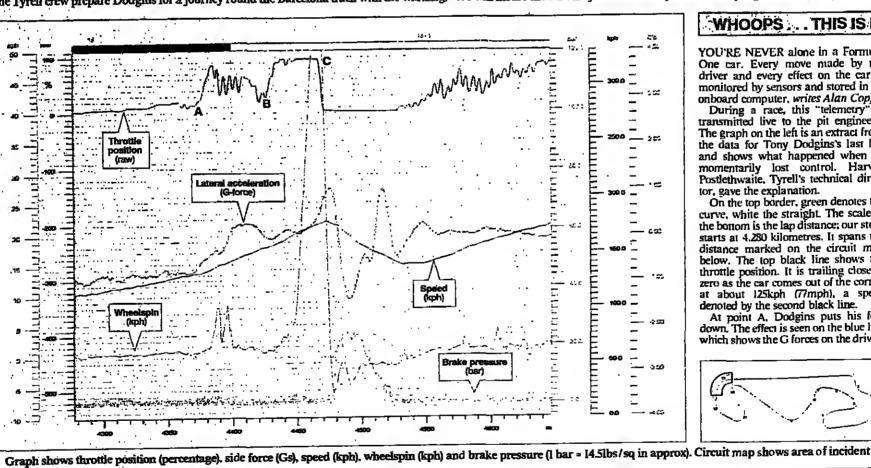


good. I'd piled up a Formula Ford and destroyed someone else's Lotus Cortina at Silverstone. "Have you any idea what you are letting yourself in for?" Tyrrell wanted to know. "The deal is this: we will insure the car and you will insure yourself. If a tyre goes down and you kill yourself - tough. We are not responsible." "You've got him worried

already," laughed managing director and technical boffin Harvey Postlethwaite. as he scribbled in huge letters on a sticky memo pad which was then slapped on to my Filofax. RH=UP; LH=DOWN. It referred tu gear shifting with the Tyrrell's steering mounted paddles — up the box with the right hand and down with the left. "Look at that every day between now and the time you . drive our car."

The day arrived. I might be roughly the same height as Salo, but there it ended. Long body and short legs meant another 4cms on the crutch straps. Long indulgence and short exercise spelled another 6cms on the lap strap. But the pedal positions felt near perfect. I would only use the clutch to leave the pits, then forget its what you don't need with 700bhp is rain - but it was

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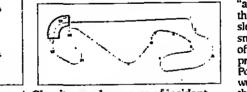
The Tyrell crew prepare Dodgins for a journey round the Barcelona track with the warning, "We will insure the car and you will insure yourself. If a tyre goes down and you kill yourself - tough. We are not responsible"

WHOOPS THIS IS HOW IT ALL WENT WRONG

YOU'RE NEVER alone in a Formula One car. Every move made by the driver and every effect on the car is monitored by sensors and stored in an onboard computer, writes Alan Copps. During a race, this "telemetry" is transmitted live to the pit engineers. The graph on the left is an extract from the data for Tony Dodgins's last lap and shows what happened when he momentarily lost control. Harvey Postlethwaite, Tyrell's technical director, gave the explanation.

On the top border, green denotes the curve, white the straight. The scale at the bottom is the lap distance; our story starts at 4.280 kilometres. It spans the distance marked on the circuit map below. The top black line shows the throttle position. It is trailing close to zero as the car comes out of the corner at about 125kph (77mph), a speed denoted by the second black line.

At point A, Dodgins puts his foot down. The effect is seen on the blue line which shows the G forces on the driver:

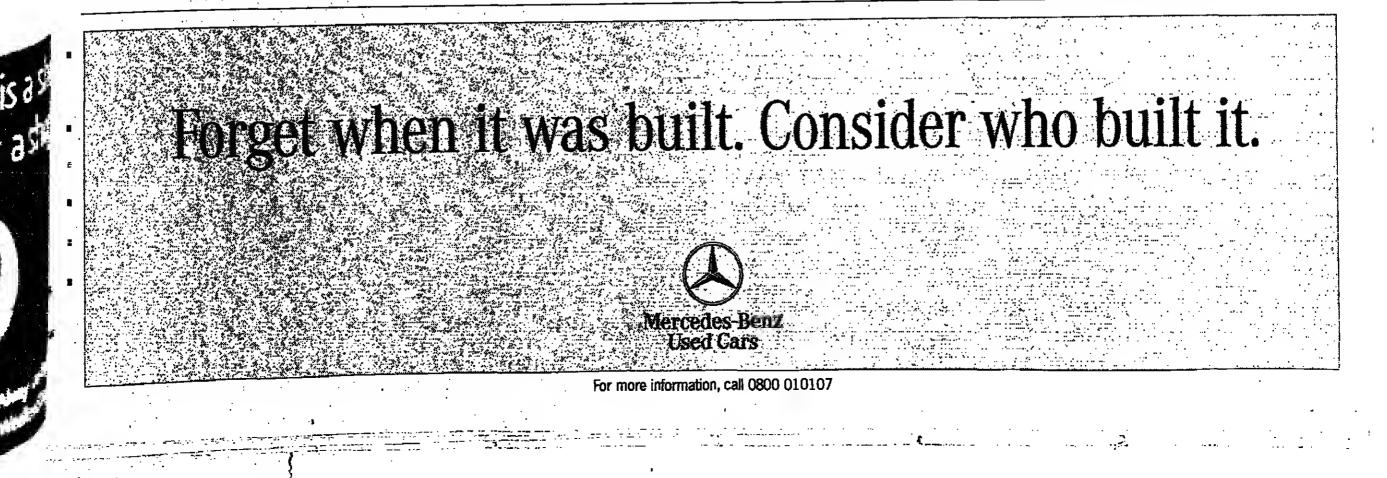


a reading below zero is a force to the right, above to the left. From a steady level close to IG to the right in the corner, there is a quick shift to the left. The greet line indicates wheelspin.

The kph scale on the left shows the difference between the speed of rotation of the rear powered wheels and that of the front wheels. That first prod on the throttle sets the rear wheels spinning 7kph faster.

The throttle then bounces as Dodgins tries to let the car settle and a moment later, at point B, he presses the throttle to the floor. With 700bhp blasting through the rear wheels, but little adhesion, the wheelspin goes off the graph. The speed rises to a peak close to 180kph (112mph) and the blue line indicates a further shift to the left.

At point C. Dodgins lifts his foot, the right thing to do, but so violently that the wheels lock. The throttle responds instantly and the wheelspin line shows the front wheels turning faster. But the red line for brake pressure then shows him doing, in Postlethwaite's words "absolutely the wrong thing". A stab on the brake sends the car's rear end slewing to the left, then to the right. The snap is repeated before he takes his foot off everything and gingerly resumes progress along the straight. In Postlethwaite's words: "The conditions were infernal. It was a good effort to get that car hack."





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Motor racing, past, present and future

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Department of Transport tells thousands of centres to suspend 'cat' checks. Vaughan Freeman reports

Conflicting results bring chaos to new MoT pollution test

The new MoT test introduced last month to target emissions on three-year-old cars fitted with catalytic converters is degenerating into a chaotic mess as drivers and motoring organisations report widespread discrepancies in test results.

This week the Department of Transport contacted 13.000 MoT lesting stations telling them to temporarily suspend the emissions aspect of the test on thousands of K-registered cars. The moratorium will last from six to eight weeks while limits for the emissions lest are revised after fresh talks with manufacturers.

The problem says the department is that information supplied originally by manufacturers as to the minimum emissions limits that regularly serviced cars would pass proved hopelessly optimistic. As a result thousands of cars registered for the first time on or after August 1 1992, are unexpectedly failing, even if their catalysts are in perfect order.

A spokesman said: "It is vital that motorists with K-registered

PAUL FRERE is one of the sages of motor

sport. He won Le Mans in 1960 in a Ferrari

with fellow-Belgian Olivier Gendebien. After competing in sports and Formula One racing for Ferrari, Aston Martin, Porsche and Cooper he wrote one of the first text

books on competition driving. He has been

cars know that their cars must have an MoT. To drive without one is illegal and will almost certainly invalidate their insurance." He added though that cars that go through the £27 MOT and are passed without having their emissions tested will nevertheless be road legal until their next MoT next year.

The test discrepancies mean that emissions element of the MoT has been suspended for all K-reg catalyst-fined Daihatsu, Ford, HMS Sports cars, Isuzu, Mazda RX7, Porsche, Proton, Rover, Subaru and TVR models, and for some Alfa Romeo, Asion Martin, Caterham, Fiat, Lada, Lancia and Mercedes-Benz models.

AA head of research and materials testing, John Stubbs, said: "We need this moratorium since clearly it would be unfortunate to take vehicles off the road. That is not the solution.

The AA is also concerned that the confusion over the emissions element of the MoT could undermine confidence in the whole test procedure, of which exhaust emis-

sions are only a small part. And that is not the only problem facing the new MoT, which introduced tough new emissions standards for catalyst-fitted cars individually tailored to each model and make according to manufacturer's data. There are already cases of the same car failing the test on emissions at one MoT centre only to pass it at another.

Businessman Frank Benzin was stunned when his 1.4 litre Renault 19, first registered exactly three years ago, failed its first MoT at his local Renault dealership because of poor emissions. He instantly sought a second opinion and, half an hour later, without anyone having touched the car's engine, it passed at another garage without any difficulties,

The car, with 72,000 miles on the clock, has been regularly serviced and Mr Benzin, manager of the Conifers Printing Press company in South Devon, said that when he took it for an MoT he was totally confident it would pass. For it to fail, and then pass elsewhere he said, showed that the new emis-

"If motorists, like me, seek a sions element of the examination second opinion, they could save "I was sure the car would pass themselves that money. The systhe MoT and couldn't believe it tem, which is being introduced when it failed," he said. "So I went nationally, is clearly not 100 per round the corner to another ga-rage within half an hour and it ceni accurate.

The trouble is that you have a computer telling the

assed with a completely different mechanic that the car has "Nationally a lot of people are going through the same problem, going to a garage where the emissions from their cars are failed and he or she has to go on that, but computers cannot be 100 per cent accurate unless every detail of the procedure is followed being incorrectly measured, and as a result could be facing bills for precisely, and every garage must a new catalytic converter of £200 to use the same technology. I am £500 and be really out of pocket. afraid that is not the case.

"I think it is outrageous, and enough is enough. It doesn't look as if those in office have done their homework on this. I am all for clean air, but my experience shows the system isn't working."

This year around 1.5 million Kregistered catalyst-fitted cars regis-tered on or after August 1.1992 will go through the new MoT, and initial estimates were that up to 20 per cent - as many as 300,000 would fail because their catalytic converter is broken, damaged, or is otherwise not working properly. Bills would average £200-£400, but with a Rolls-Royce it could cost

as much as £1,700 for a replace-

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meni catalyst unit. The Retail Motor Industry Federation's own estimation is that the failure rate because of emissions for cat-fitted cars will be between 16 and 20 per cent, and that 150,000 matorists will need replacement converters and another 150,000 will need remedial work. Catalysts remove approximately 90 per cent of the three worst exhaust fume pollutants -- carbon monoxide. hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, which are major

contributors to acid rain and



in the business of writing about cars ever Q: Can Schumacher do a hatdidn't have the same faith in Q: Can the average continental still afford to watch expentrick in 1996? Damon. A: There might be reliability sive Formula One? blems early on with a Q: Hill sometimes misjudges A: I don't think that Foca - the

since, his enthusiasm undimmed at the age of 79. As the Formula One circus prepares for a new season that starts in Melbourne on March 10, he talks to Peter Miller about World Champlon Michael Schumacher's move to Ferrari, Damon Hill's driving style and other topics. His tip for the driver's championship: Schumacher again.



brand new Ferrari and engine. But by mid-season in Canada 1 expect the car to be fully raceworthy. He will have to win several races after Montreal to clinch the title.

Q: Will you compare Schumacher with Ayrton Senna? A: Enrirely different characters, but both very professional and with their lives utterly concentrated on motor racing. That combination produces world champions.

O: How will Eddie Irvine relate with Schumacher at Ferrari?

A: Again. two opposing personalines - the dedicated champion paired with a more relaxed Ulsterman with numerous interests outside racing. Irvine will learn from Schumacher's ability to analyse the car's performance accurately and provide the specific information needed to set up his car for maximum efficiency.

Q: Is Damon Hill an artisantype driver like his father. Graham?

A: Yes, Graham and Damon are identical drivers. Damon is not as naturally gifted as Michael, but, thanks to his concentration and will to win he is a top class driver. I don't think he got the same help from his ream as Schumacher. Benenon trusted Schumacher's judgment unerly. If he pitted in practice, they listened to his suggestions. In my opinion, the Williams people

his overtaking and puts himself in a compromising situation. Is this a flaw? A: Yes, definitely, Overtaking has become more difficult and drivers who can overtake at the right time and place have a distinct advantage.

Q: What about Jean Alesi? Is he too much of a charger? A: He certainly is a charger an acrobat at the wheel - but was Tazio Nuvolari. Nuvolari, however, was an exception and most world champions are smooth drivers. I think Alesi can expect fierce opposition from his Benetton team-mate, Berger, who is very experienced and can be very fast if he thinks he has a race-winning car.

Q: Is sponsorship ruining Formula One? Are the top teams too rich?

A: Sponsorship could be a good thing, but unfortunately only the top teams get big money. They also get about 70 engines per season free. The "also-rans of pit-alley", who struggle for sponsorship and must buy their own engines, never get a chance. This year. Ferrari could be the dark horse. It all depends on how quickly the new car can be sorted. Incidentally, Ferrari is no longer as Italian as most people think. The overall project is in the hands of an Englishman. John Barnard: the engine designer is Osamo Goto, a Japanese formerly with Honda. and team manager is a Frenchman. Jean Todt.

Formula One Constructor's Association - cares enough about encouraging race fans. Motor racing cannot survive through television audiences alone. It needs a live, enthusiastic crowd watching thrilling racing - because then it becomes real show business.

Q .: Are some drivers contributing sponsorship money and not being chosen on merit? A .: Yes, this is a major problem. Formula One has two types of driver - those who are paid huge money for driving a car and those who inject considerable sums of money into the team kitty, just to get a drive. Their money often only lasts for a few grands prix, when they are replaced by another driver with sponsorship. So, when considering the also-rans, it doesn't follow that the bener driver gets chosen.

: But didn't Colin Chaoman of Team Lotus often enter a third car for a "nacional" driver 30 years ago? Weren't they "rent-a-drives"? A: Not exactly. In those days, the automobile club organising the grand prix would often pay considerable starting money for a local driver to attract the crowds. Today, it is all in the hands of Foca and a "super" licence is needed before any driver may enter Formula One.

macher really worth \$25 million for 17 races?

Mr Hill - but that is the A: It is entirely proportionate. If the sponsor considers the harsh irony of life. publicity from having its Q: Are data acquisition sysname on a winning car is

tems [telemetry] preventing

pils. When a driver comes in to

the pits and reports personal-A: Definitely! In the 1950s, ly, his engineer can quickly see only two mechanics were allowed on the track and they where performance may be improved. It is also a vital did everything at a pit-stop refuelling, oil, change tyres --while the team manager briefed his driver. If more safety factor, as a driver on the track can be given advance warning of a deflating tyre before a possible accident. than two mechanics worked

Q: Foca has made pit-stops mandatory. Are too many crews at risk?

causes severe overcrowding in the pit-road with the real risk of crew members being run over or trapped in an inferno of blazing fuel.

Q: Who were your favourite drivers?

A: Without doubt, my top three would be Stirling Moss. Juan Manuel Fangio and Alberto Ascari,

Q: Are drivers like Schu-

worth the money the driver gets to achieve it, then that good test drivers emerging? A: No, both are vital. Ondriver is worth the money board computers constantly paid. It might be argued that a research scientist who discovread every aspect of a car's ers a miracle cure for Aids, for performance and relay it back to another computer in the example, is a pauper in comparison to Mr Schumacher or

on the car, it was immediately disqualified. Now the wealthy teams have at least 20 track personnel at every stop. This

Advice: Tony Dodgins, left, with Harvey Postlethwaite .

'I give it full throttle. The crew run for cover'

Continued from Page ! ripping down. Tough. The track time was non-negotiable. It was now or never. Cocooned low in the cockpit.

I flick down the ignition switch and the Yamaha engineers fire it up from behind my shoulders. The external starter motor is plugged in and an air bottle is used to charge the pneumaoc valves as an extra safety measure. There is none of the gut-wrenching vibrations you expect. The Yamaha, in fact, feels quite removed.

Time to go. I arm the gearbox electronics via a three-position switch on the right of the cockpit depress the clutch and flick the righthand gear paddle to select first. You need 3000rpm plus to prevent a stall and the pit apron glistens. Avoiding potential embarrassment, the mechanics push the car out

and point it in the right

direction. f determine not to

jerk to an embarrassing standstill, discover there is more clutch travel than I imagine. find the biting point and lurch away down the lane. I'm driving a Formula One car!

PLUMES of spray fan from the front tyres. The steering is direct, kart-like, but not heavy. That, though, is probably because I m not going quickly enough to load it up. Down the hill into the slowest hairpin. my head is jolted by bumps. which in the road car hadn't even existed. Even on the overrun, with no throttle, the

engine tries to push the tail out The run down into the Wurth chicane provides the first opportunity to get hard on the throttle. Trouble is, as the road kinks left a stream of standing water runs across the track. Even the likes of Senna and Prost have spun in a straight line in such condi-

tions, so I back off, turn into ers leave it later than 100 Wurth with practically no metres from 190mph! speed ... and the thing swaps The Wurth chicane ends instantly. Time to radio in: "Don't worry. I haven't hit anything."

I sit there on the grass feeling foolish while they come out with the air bottle and fire it up again. Then it's my first hill start in an Fl car. Back to the pits for a check over.

Out again, and this time I tickle it around before coming through on to Barcelona's mile-long straight for the first time. I get on to the throttle and wait for the earth-shattering explosion of power. But it's not as dramatic as I'd thought. That's because they've programmed the electronic throt-

tie for delayed response and somewhat less than full power. But the brakes: they are simply phenomenal, hauling the speed down as I go on them at the 200 metre board from 150mph plus. Real driv-

The Worth chicane catches

me out again, this time on the exit. Another spin. Another stall. Air bottle needed again and back to the pits. I ask for a more instant throttle and systems engineer Chris Hills flicks forward the throttle mode switch on the right of the cockpit. They also give me full power. With the scheduled hour fast evaporating, it's time

for my last run. Leaving the pitlane, I in-stantly feel the difference. Now the shifts from the pneumatic six-speed gearbox feel even more stunning.- Flick, flick. I go from cog to cog in milliseconds, up and down. I come out on to the straight and give it 85 per cent throttle. How do I know that? Because the ensuing "moment" amuses the team so much that they. expand it on the computer telemetry which monitors

everything the car does. It's contact again, and I'm out of the ultimate spy in the cab. Instantly there is wheelspin, so I back off, figuring the car must not have been straight. Convinced it now is. f give it full throttle. Suddenly I'm in a 1.5g tail-slapper as the car snaps left-right-left-right as quickly as you can blink. The Tyrrell crew run for cover.

THE steering inputs looked mighty interesting and the wheelspin was off the graph!" Postlethwaite explained later. "I don't know whether you knew much about it, but you did bloody well to get that back. It's not a nice feeling to lose an Fl car in the wet at 180kph. Ken had already sent for the ambulance

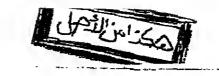
Chastened, I carry on with a suitably progressive and respectful application of right boot. Three-quarters of the way round the next lap. I spin once more, thankfully without

time. I've done two complete laps with a time for the threemile circuit that is 30 seconds away from Tyrrell's Ukyo Katayama, when he goes out in slightly drier conditions. So, can the man in the street do it? On the basis of my

efforts, not a chance. A spectating Martin Brundle summed it up: "You weren't going to heat the tyres or brakes, or go quickly enough to generate downforce. You can spin these things at the most pathetically slow speeds and, given the conditions, you were on a hiding to nothing. Having the confidence to drive it quickly means knowing it. And how do you get to know it? It's the chicken and egg situation."

From an article in 'FI Racing', a From an article in Fri Kacing, a new monthly devoted to Grand Prix racing to be published in English and German. The first issue will be available this Friday. ruary 16 price £2.95.







erry Cleveland-Peck joins our Drive in Luxury competition winner as his Fiat Tipo is transformed

A £1,500 inside job adds that Rolls-Royce feel

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Joing the upper classes: Roland Roberts reflects on how his car might look after the experts have finished

We use the finest leathers from

Connolly or Bridge of Weir, we

don't compromise on quality. It has

Did this experience stretch to Fiat

Tipos? "No, we haven't done one of

those before," Steve confessed.

want a leather interior put into

their new cars - the new Rover

At the showroom, the Times

prizewinner was momentarily si-

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at with the occasionil light aircraft, one or tvo small sports cars and the occasional sions, Mr Roberts was chauffeured moththome, the vehicle interior to the Ferrari, Porsche and Rolls-Royce showroom in a Silver Shadcraftmen at Stratstone get some odd requests. Nevertheless, a comow to study some of the leather plet leather reit to an F-registered upholstery. On route, Steve Gough explained FratTipo was challenge that they hadyet to tacke. a little about the company's policy.

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A the winer of The Times Drive in Luxiy competition, Ro-land Roberts 40, a plano tuner taken us a long time to get our team together and they now have over 90 technician and notoring enthusiast from Stamfor Lincolnshire was entitled to a corplete leather refit of years of experience." a style and ct of his choice approximately £1,500 worth of leather craftsranship. The Times. "Usually we get Mercedes-Benz, spent the day ith him and his car Jaguars or BMWS whose owners as he toured he Stratstone Showrooms in setch of his dream interior. Stratstone J. Wilmslow, Chesh-MGPs are proving to be quite

ire establised in 1909 as Stratstone of Tayfair and now part of the giant endragon group, is manager, who suggested a look at. some of the completed Stratstone the Stratstone team, appreciating that they were not miracle workers, interiors before making any deciappeared worried."

Still, either unsatisfied, or perhaps relishing this new-found indulgence, Mr. Roberts took up the driving seat of a brand new Ferrari 456 GT, a car he describes himself passionate about. Worth £157,000 and delivering a performance which takes it to 60mph in 5.2 seconds, the four-seater Ferrari demonstrated an example of superior motoring luxury. Back at the workshop, a long,

low, rectangular room, smelling strongly of leather and resin and home for a while to a Porsche 911, a Mercedes-Benz 220 and now Mr Roberts's Tipo, headcraftsman Evan Pugh took stock of the metallic green/grey Fiat (with a Ferrari badge on the passenger wing and Mercedes C-class wheel trims) as he explained details of how the installation procedure is carried out.



Before: Mr Roberts's Tipo had 104.000 miles on the clock when he arrived at Stratstone. Only his imagination limited its new look



one of five functuises making up one of the larest Porsche, Ferrari, Rolls-Royce, Mazda and Bentley dealerships utside London. The company's interior . division specialises i a bespoke leather upholstery crvice. Seven fitters and one appentice can take a wide selection offices and craft them into origini handmade leather interiors toxact requirements. As the brochue states: "The options are limit only by your. imaginatio."

Imaginaon was in great demand whe Mr Roberts, wearing a stylish Ros-Royce tie; arrived at Steve Gogh, the customer sales

lenced by a collection of some of the finest thoroughbred driving machines available: a gleaning Ferrari 512 M. an F-registered Testarossa worth £60,000, a 911 turbo and £63,000 worth of brand new Porsche 911 Targa, with glass sliding roof -- clearly, there was no shortage of inspiration for Mr Roberts's interior. Deciding that a pragmatic ap-

proach was the only suitable method for discerning the needs of the posterior. Mr Roberts positioned himself behind the wheel of a recently registered black Bentley Brooklands, complete with whitethe Stratsme workshop with his walled tyres. Looking replete, he 1989 Fiat ipo 1.9 Tds. Greeted by volunteered that the Bentley was walled tyres. Looking replete, he "quite comfortable really", to which

lirst we remove the seats, door-panels, headlining and dashboard." he explained. Then we unstitch the seat covers and sew on the selected hides. We use a nyionbonded thread and a variety of stitches - mostly a saddle or face stitch for a strong, doubled-lined scam.

"Gearsticks and steering wheels are hand-sewn with a cross-stitch. On average it takes one person a week to complete the interior of a vehicle. Door panels 20 on last and. if necessary, incorporate a stitched pattern in order to break up the bulk. Similarly with the headrests." The choice of hide is down to the

After: "Better than I ever imagined it would be, the workmanship is amazing. My car is unique and, at the very least, smells like a Rolls-Royce'

individual. Connolly leathers tend to be softer and are of the type usually found in Jaguars, Aston Martins. Rolls-Royces and Fer-ranis. Bridge of Weir hides have a slightly more defined grain and are found in Saabs, Volvos and, at one time, Lotus vehicles.

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Outside the hide-room, the Stratsone team waited to hear Mr

Roberts's final decision. Discussing the inetallic green colour of his car with tongue in cheek, he inquired into the quantity and shades of purple hides available, which raised a few eyebrows around the workshop and provoked a distant munered response of "must be a mate of Stevie Wunder." In the end, Mr Roberts selected a

set of bottle green Bridge of Weir hides with ruffled seat centres, flat borders and black piping. Stitching around the armrests broke up the door panels. Green headrests with black piping finished the job. And when everything was completed. an extremely satisfied Mr Roberts said that his Fiat Tipo, which he bought three years ago and now

millennium."

brightness.

through has been mica paint:

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more like 40/60, because the

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is so much wider. With the use

of micro mica, we expect to see

even more exciting colours

Standing out of the bright

lights and general hubbub of

the show, Gary Picken, UK

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finish, is a little solicitous:

"Once these colours and ef-

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difficult part is making sure

we can make them in small

quantities for car dealership

bodyshops. They have to be easy and affordable to repair."

No surprise, then, that under

PPG's advice. Land Rover has

left the Sahara Desert.

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T ltimately we're inter-

ested in developing

new effects, as they

has 104,000 miles on the clock. looked "better than I ever imagined it would be". Before its makeover it was worth about £2,600.

He added: "The standard of workmanship is amazing - they have done a really good job. My can is unique and, at the very least, it smells like a Rolls-Royce."

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Trust your luck in the year 2000 as cars enter the age of green



Colour coded from left, PPG's Rainer Becher, Mike Mudge and Janis Brennen

S uperstidous motorists should steer clear of the new car market in 1999. According to predictions at Jast week's 1999 Colour Show, green - once considered as

unlucky as a broken mirror or the number 13 - will be the year's trendiest car colour. Automotive colour styling

consultant, Mike Mudge said: "Despite being traditionally thought of as unlucky, green cars have rocketed into third after red and blue." The percentage of green cars in the UK has risen from 4.2

per cent in 1990 to 17 per cent. Red accounts for 25.4 per cent and blue 23.7 per cent. Even fleet buyers, who have traditionally bought while cars in bulk, are not immune to the new trend. "For years the top three car colours have been red, blue and white, but the popularity of white has been propped up by the company car market and environmentally-friendly fleet managers are now looking to green," said Mudge.

The PPG Industries Colour Show, held annually in Europe, North America and the Far East, predicts car trends three years ahead and launches new colours. Chances are high that you wwill not have heard of PPG (Pittsburgh Plate Glass Industries), but you'll find its products on your own car. Two-thirds of the vehicles in the Western world use PPG Industries' automo-As well as predicting green as the colour for 1999, 44 new tive coatings; it is the largest supplier of car paint in the world.

At the 1999 Colour Show year, including 15 shades of more than 100 new colours

Helen Mound checks the forecasts of the millennium's trendy shades

were on display for manufacbright apple. There are also turers from all over the world several new browns and vioto consider using on the new lets on offer, but not many cars they have planned for the blues, greys and yellows. Two next millennium. The colours new paint effects were also on offer in the UK, US and the announced, micro mica and Far East vary because of coloured aluminium (a metaldifferent tastes; motorists in lic paint with coloured flecks the Far East prefer shades of in the paint). silver and grey. while most -Launching a new colour is a

tricky business; Mudge, alongside European and Am-European countries have reds at the top of their list. Weather erican colleagues conditions also affect the choice; col-Rainer Becher and There's ours that look good Janis Brennen in the UK cao look shows the colours off using giant jelly grubby in Califora move moulds known as The show gives "speeding images" towards manufacturers a - shapes designed chance to plan the to accentuate the earthy colour palette for curves of a car.

colours' on panels similar to car doors and each is displayed signed to suit predicted fashamong photographs of the ionable colours. In Italy the influences that helped to create PPG range is so successful them, such as women's fashthat Lancia has picked 112 ion, travel destinations, plants colours for its YIO hatchback. and food.

Other colours are

Mudge explains how the But manufacturers sometimes make hasty choices. like the research for each show takes "Sahara Desert" Land Rover more than a year: "We're chose to add a high profile to already looking at the colour the launch of its new Range trends for 2000. The majority Rover. The lurid gold is comof our influences come from plex and very cosily for PPG women's fashion, we look at magazines and fashion shows. hut also interior design." quantities for individual paint

The traditional notion of space age silver fashions and grey cars is proving out-dated for the year 2000: "Currently we're seeing a move towards green, ranging from olive to more natural earthy colours.

PAINT CHART How you Greens and browns are in fashion for women's clothes, and as these colours tend to are the translate into the car industry over three or four years, we colour expect to see more green and brown cars in the next you drive In the six years Mudge has presented the Colour Show, he believes the major break

THE British taste for red which accounts for more than a quarter of all cars on the mad, is shared by most other European countries.

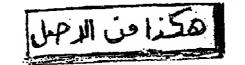
Surprisingly for such a popular shade, an analysis last year by a leading insurance company concluded that red signifies an ambitious driver who dislikes routine. In the Far East white is more popular. especially in Japan where it is a symbol of purity. But when it comes to status Henry Ford was right black

is the colour to be seen in it you want to appear successful or, of course, if you can afford a chauffeur. There is a price to pay, however, because it also carries a higher risk of theft. Blue is the second most

popular colour. Said to indicate a conventional attitude 10 life, it is much favoured by current Ford drivers.

Silver is another shade fa voured by the successful who want to be less discreet than those who favour black.

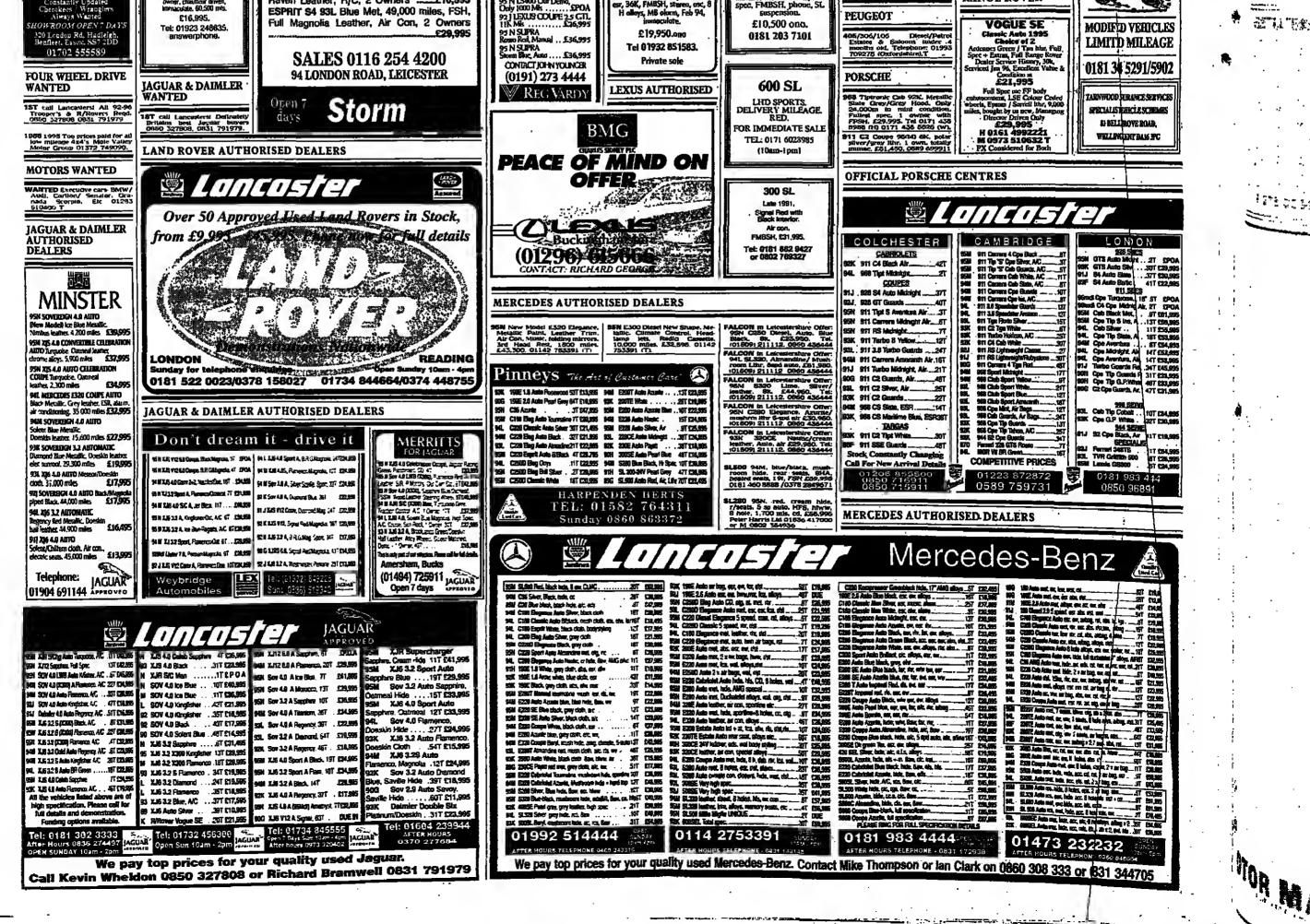
Striking recent additions to the colour range include or ange and purple which are proving popular for the MGI and a wonderful mustard for the Fiat Punto. But if you really want to be nuticed then yellow is for you. The perfec shade for the show-off.





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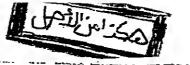
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Vaughan Freeman reports on a scheme to take the pain out of being an inner-city car owner

50 CARS BETWEEN £15,000 & £25,000

Instant rentals on your own doorstep

Diagonal bunt-the-park-ing-space is the bane cost per mile when renting a there is a great deal of presof the inner-city motorist. But the answer could lie in two "Street Fleet" pilot projects -- currently being tested in Bremen, Germany - in which small fleets of cars will be on hand for rent by those taking part.

Local authorities will ensure that the cars have guaranteed parking spaces in inner-city areas of London's Haringey, and also in Edinburgh, where it is hoped the pilot schemes will be launched. Those taking said it was hoped that funding part will be able to book the for their pilot could be raised cars, provided by a rental from the European Communfirm, such as Hertz, and with ity, adding: "Such a scheme is routine servicing carried out on the spot by RAC patrols. a particularly attractive idea

Gordon Stewart, Hertz Rental UK marketing manager, sees such schemes as a natural extension of existing Hertz pilots in Paris, Amsterdam and Rome, where drivers who are fed up with trying to park their own cars, instead buy booklets of vouchers entitling them to rent as and when they wish.

Transport expert John Adams, of University College London, said: "The idea is based on the fact that if you drive fewer than 10,000 kilometres a year you are probably better off renting a car when you need one than owning your own. The average car spends 95 per cent of its time parked. All that time owners are paying insurance and road tax, and incurring

depreciation. "In Germany the Stadt-Auto Street Fleet scheme is quite 'low tech'. In Bremen the cars are parked in local streets, and near them is a wall safe with the keys inside. Members of the project have keys to the safe, and make their bookings via a local 24-hour taxi des-

owners use their vechiles for even the shortest journeys based only on the cost of the fuel, ignoring the whole-life costs of running a vehicle.

vehicle, that makes the cost of the pubic transport option more competitive." The Bremen experiment

now has almost 1,000 participants who have access to 48 vehicles and pay a monthly club membership charge of £10 for two people, with use of the car priced at £1.40 per hour plus 17p per kilometre to cover fuel and servicing costs. Haringey Council transport engineer Chris Bainbridge

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weekly shopping." Typical cars in a Street Fleet might include a Mini-sized town car, a family saloon, and a larger people mover such as a Renault Espace.

King added: "We would be the first to accept that this idea sure on sireer parking." RAC spokesman Ed King. is not going to change the world, but it might free up who has been active in pro-

parking in towns and reduce congestion, and make people moting the Street Fleet idea, added: "Street Fleet is aimed at think twice about whether or urban areas where there is already a good public transnot they need a car." At Hertz Rental, Stewart said they would be delighted to work with any partners in an port infrastructure, where cars are hardly used at all during effort to make such projects work in the UK. But he the week, but where people want a car at weekends to visit relatives, go mountain-biking sounded a note of caution, in the country or get their pointing out that their own research showed motorists in

France or Italy. "We get the impression that

people in the LK appreciate having their own car," he said. "The willingness to car-share. evident on the Continent. doesn't seem to have arrived here yet and motorists here don't seem comfortable with the idea of public transport." He added though that such schemes would become more appealing if inner-city parking became even more difficult, and if motorists took a close the UK were far more relucand clear-eyed look at the true tant to give up their own cars cost, per mile and per journey, and to seek alternatives than of using their car.

their counterparts in Holland,

USED CAR BRIEF

VW GOLF MARK II The Mark I Bodf, longer, wider and with more room inside than the so-million seller Mark I it replaced in 1984, fixed for eight years. Numerous variants of the three and five-door hetchback were spawned. Foremost was the 130mpi ed. Foremost was the 130mph free-door Basic. Other models had a choice of 1.3, 1.6 and 1.8-litre petrol. engines and 1.6-litre disest. The five-door GTI arrived in 1985, as did the Lithodiese 1.5 and in 1989 there was even a four-wheel drive model. In 198 green 1.8-litre Unwelt disest arrived 8-Sine: 16-valve GTL Slower and more short-lived was the 450



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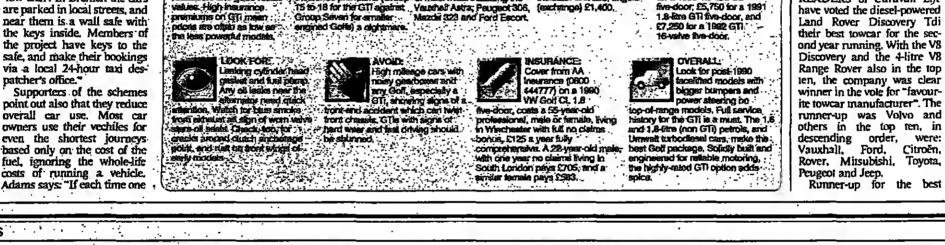
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Volvo 850 2.0 20v GLT Estate	18095	18150	0.30
Subara Legacy 2.0 4 cam Estate	15195	15695	3.29
Saab 900i 16V Convertible	19150	19150	0.00
BMW 325i Auto	19150	18950	1.06
Honda Prelude 2.3 2 dr 4WS	16295	16195	-0.61
Ford Granada 2.9 Scorpio V6 24V	17850	18195	2.49
Vauxahli Omega 3.0 V6 Elite 4dr Aut	20500	21000	2.43
Niesen Patrol GR SGX Diesel 5dr	19150	19395	1.27
Mitsubushi Sigma 3.0 V6 24V Auto	18695	18895	1.06
Mercedes Benz C180 Classic Auto 4dr		18095	0.00
Audi 100 2.8E Quattro Saloon	17850	17959	0.56
BMW 320i 4dr Auto	17550	17295	-1.45
BMW 525i 4dr Auto		20500	-1.20
Citroën XM 2.5 TD VSX Estate		15595	-1.26
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Land Rover Discovery Dies.300 TDi.	16150	16150	0.00
Mazda Xedos 8 2.0i V6 SE 4dr Auto		16095	-0.95
Mazda MX-6	15195	15250	0.36
Mercedes Benz E220 Auto 4dr	21250	21000	-1.17
Mitsubushi Shogun V6 5dr 2972cc	19850	19795	-0.50
Peugeot 605 V6 SVE 4dr 24V	16095	15850	-1.52
Honda Legend 2dr Coupe Auto	25500	25500	0.00
Nissan 2.0 Touring Coupe 2dr 200 SX	17500	17250	-1.42
Renault Espace 2.0 RT Estate 5dr	15150	15450	1.98
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Rover Sterling 800 Series Sal.4dr	16295	16295	0.00
Saab New 900 2.5 V6 SE 5dr	19295	18995	-1.55
Saab 9000 CSE 2.3 Eco power 5dr	21250	20500	-3.52
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Toyota Landcruiser Diesel II Turbo	17250	17450	1.15
Vauxhall Omega 2.5i V6 CDX Estate Volkswagen Corrado VR6 3dr Coupe	18095	18450	1.96
Volkswagen New Golf 2.8 VR8 5dr	15950	16250	1.88
Volvo 940 Diesel GLE Turbo 4dr	18995	19395	2.10
Audi New 80 2.6E Estate 5dr	16150	16095	-0.34
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Lexus GS300	24250	24250	0.00
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Land Rover Discovery 3.9 V8i S 5dr		17695	-0.30
Isuzu Trooper Diesel 3.1 Citation	19550	19550	0.00
Saab CDE 2.0i Eco power 4 dr	17250	17250	0.00
Honda New Accord 2.3i SR 4dr Auto	16150	16095	-0.34
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Shogun 2.8 TD, followed by have voted the diesel-powered the Discovery V8. Vauxhall Senalor 3-litre, Cilroen Xantia 1.9TD and 4-litre Jeep Cherokee, Range Rover and Toyota Land Cruiser. Peter Wyhinny. Rover's commercial director, said: "We are delighted to be among the winners for the second year running, and it is all the more rewarding that in Ford, Citroën, this case the judges are the huying public. We listen hard

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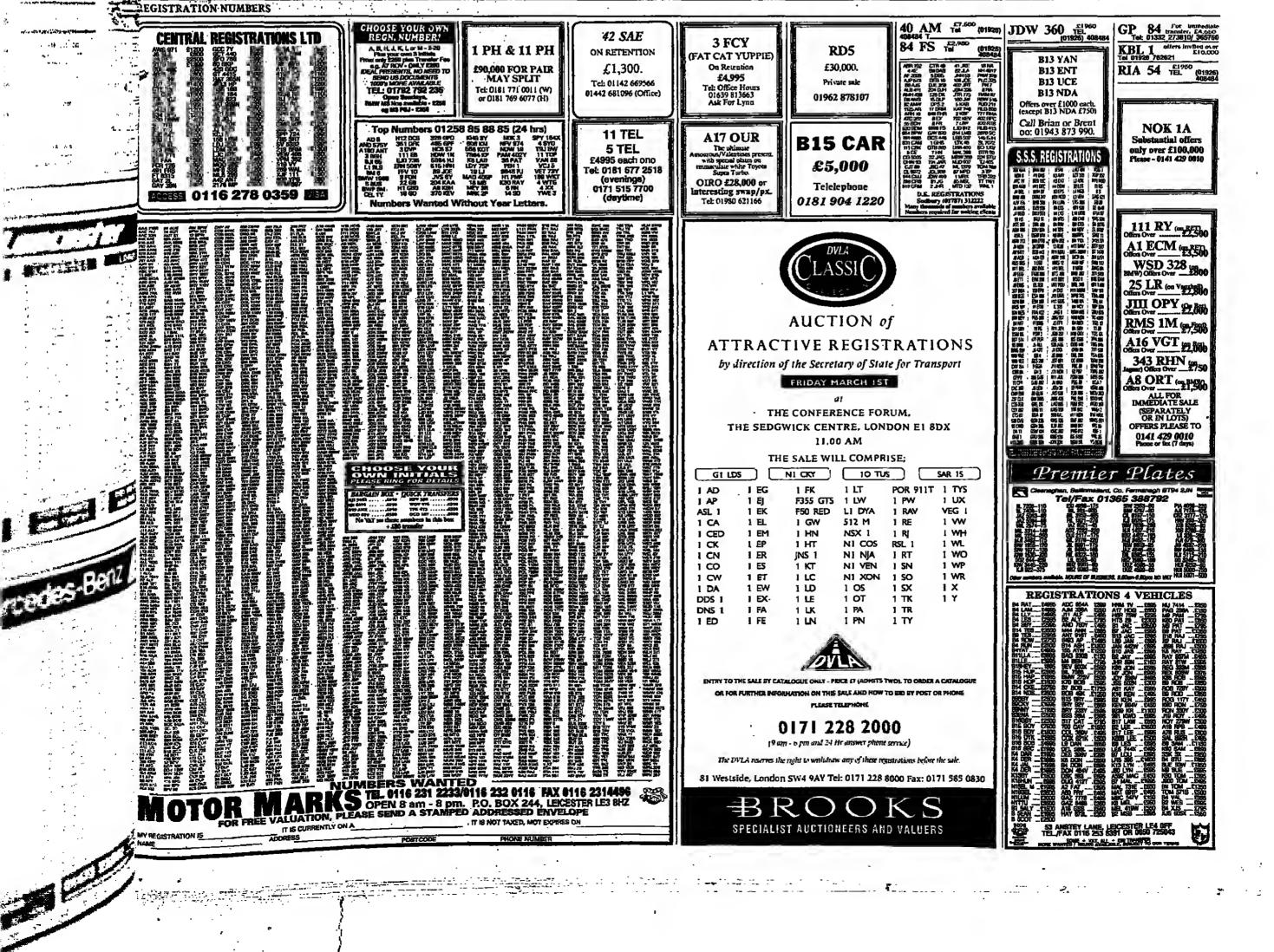
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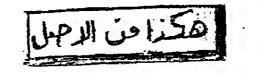
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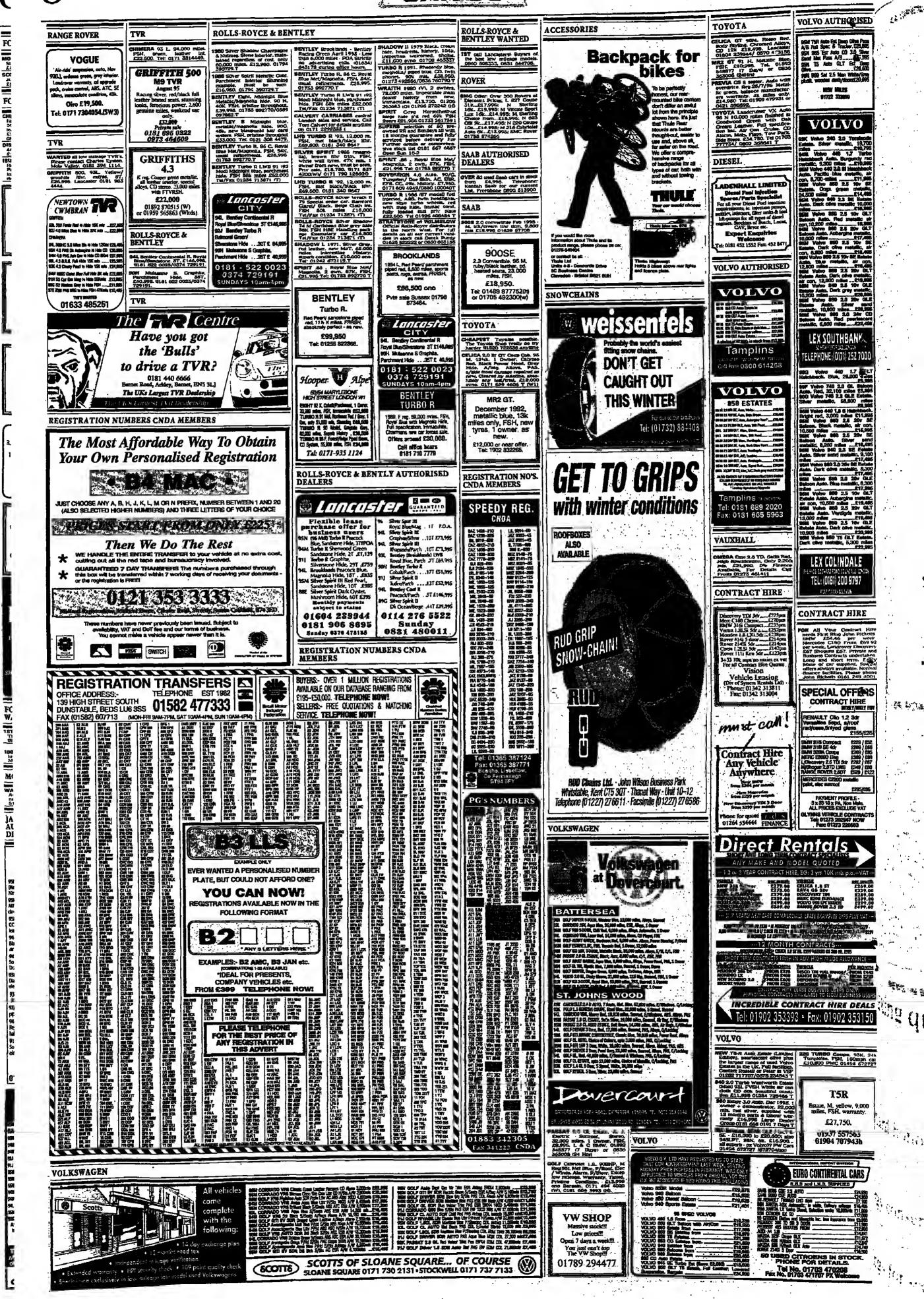
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Taxing question

MOTORISTS should be told exactly how much of what they pay for fuel is going into the Chancellor's pocket, say the AA and RAC. Less than one-third of the $\pounds 24$ billion raised in tax at the petrol pump is spent on transport. A joint campaign to highlight petrol pump is spent on transport. A joint campaign to highlight the facts was launched during a debate on transport policy with Jonathon Porritt, former director of Friends of the Earth, at the National Motor Museum. Beaulieu yesterday. Neil Johnson, the RAC's chief executive officer, said: "Despite the fact that the majority of notorists consider the car a necessity, the Treasury continues to tax it as if it is a luxury."

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JOHN BARNARD, technical director of Ferrari, who has also designed for McLaren, Lola and Benetion in a career spanning ussigned for McLaren, Lona and Deneron III a career spanning more than 25 years in motor sport, has been made a Royal Designer for Industry (RDI), a rare honour awarded by the Royal Society. His designs included the first all-carbon fibre chassis for McLaren and pioneering use of the electronic shifting gearbox by Ferrari.

Energy conservers THE new BMW 5-series. to be launched in Britain in April, will be fitted with energy-saving tyres developed by Continental. The German company claims that the ContiEcoContact tyre offers 25 per cent less rolling resistance than its previous range, paving the way for major savings in fuel consumption.

Savings for security

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MORE than 50 insurance companies are now offering discounts of up to 20 per cent lo motorists who fit their cars with Securicor TrakBak, the advanced protection, tracking and recovery system, which features a sophisticated immobiliser and an automatic tell-tale signal if a thief defeats it.

waves, over nine months. facturers and Traders takes pride in the response to recalls in Britain, which it claims is Even so, it is not the biggest recall of the past year. That is credited to Vauxhall, with more than 600,000 Astras among the best in the world. Under a Code of Practice established in 1979, manufaccalled in to check on a potential fire risk, caused by posturers regularly meet a target sible static sparking during of 90 per cent recall response. refuelling, as well as another problem which could cause But that still leaves a significant shortfall. Based on last the airbag to fail to operate. year's figures, it means there Recalls are an irksome were potentially nearly thorn in the side of the motor 120,000 owners who neglected industry. They are

costly. time-consuming and com-A small mon. Last year there were 91 vehipercentage de recalls, 53 of them involving of owners cars, with buses commercial never venicles accounting for the rest. respond that is a 50 per cent increase since 1980. The total number

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of vehicles involved in 1995 recalls was 1,190,611. Notoriously, a small percentage of owners never respond to recall notices, even after several reminders. Although some of those vehicles may no longer be in use perhaps long since scrapped or exported - it still leaves worryingly high numbers of cars on the roads with potensnapshot, and some are inevtially hazardous faults. The Society of Motor Manuitably wrong."

recall response is nearer 55 per cent, but he is not complacent. "Manufacturers aim to achieve a 100 per cent response, but some vehicles will always slip through the net.

"A major problem is the failure of people to notify the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency when e car changes hands. The details of ownership that manufacturers obtain from the DVLA are only a

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aftersales manager. is Vaux-Even the most prestigious marques do not escape having to recall cars. Rolls-Royce had hall's man in the recall hot seat - says it is the result of two instances last year. The first affected the steering linkage of just one car, the second was to check front seatblets on 154 Bentleys. Ford scored the highest

wheel nut fault on 176 Mavericks to a vacuum pump problem on 17,799 Fiestas. Escorts and Mondeos. Vauxhall, which announced its first recall of this year last weekend, topped the list for the overall number of cars affected during 1995: more

than 640,000. Brian Setchell -who, as product quality 1995 recalls were:

becoming more proactive in identifying potential problems which could arise during a car's lifespan. You cannot say it is a failure to have to recall a car," he adds. "We are consistently building better vehicles, but inevitably human problems can still creep in. If a man working on 50 or 60 cars an hour starts putting a nut and bolt on the wrong way round, it very quickly affects a lot of vehicles."

Vauxhall Astra: (14,649) wiring The SMMT operates a recalls hotline. Ask for Consumer Affairs harness Vauxhall Omega: (12.607) fuel Department 0171 235 7000. Top pipe. Ford Fiesta: (11.760) brake light.

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25,000 miles in a year were less fertile than those who drove fewer than 25,000 miles a year.'

Mr Bromwich explained that the testes work better when they are cooler and men are designed so that they "hang outside the body. Blokes are designed not to wear anything in that area, and for the testes to hang free away from the body and to keep cool."

However, Mr Bromwich stresses that alcohol and cigarettes are far more likely to reduce the efficacy of sperm. end new fertility techniques mean that even the highestmileage drivers have a chance of fathering.

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pipe/airbag. VW Golf/Jetta: (237,000) heater

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Land Rover: (55,993) seat belts.

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VW Passal/Galf: (28,128)

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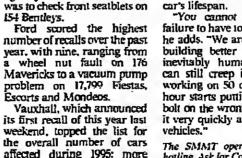
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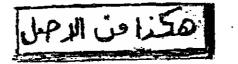
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RENAULT SPORTSPIDER

Body: Open twoseater, aluminium

strengthened with composite materials. Engine: 4-cylinder, 2litre, 16-valve, as used in Renault's Clio

Transmission: Five

Performance: 0 to 62mph in 6.9 seconds

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(6.2 racing version). Top speed 135mph. Not

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Economy: Don't ask.

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Price: est £25,000.

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above the ground.

Williams, set amidships for balance. Delivers 150hhp at 6000rpm (180bhp racing version).

It resembles a lemon drop on wheels and driving it is like being in an RAF Phantom. Kevin Eason reports

Tax disc? Look, I haven't even got a windscreen

cused on the curves, the gear-change and the split-second decision that would be the difference between braking in time and a

visit to the gravel trap. There I was, dressed like a cross between an Eskimo and Michael Schumacher, ready to confront Renault's new Sport Spider, a 135mph open twoeater of such radical design that it will drop jaws all over Europe this year But I had other things on my

mind. I mean, there are all these clever design chappies working away on a megabudget and they come up with a car that looks like a lemon drop on wheels — and there's still nowhere to stick the tax disc. As well as no roof, there isn't a windscreen either.

Renault launched its Sport Spider this week at the Paul Ricard circuit, near Marseille. The French company has one of the most flamboyant and interesting design teams in

Europe and, apparently, a management prepared to pro-duce vehicles which push the boundaries of taste to a seldom explored limit.

The Spider should, by all conventions, never have been built. Carmakers show con-cept models like it all the time at motor shows claiming they are the future - then go off and make something that looks as interesting as a milk float. Renault actually did it with the Spider, making a car quite unlike anything else. Squat and low, the road-

going version has the same 2litre, 150 brake horse power engine that goes into the Renault Clio Williams, mounted behind two deeply uncom-fortable bucket seats. The doors spring up and pull down like beetle wings to enclose the most Spartan interior in world motoring: the cabin is little more than an aluminium and

composite box. The driver faces a dashboard with stainless steel dials, showing engine revs, oil

pressure and engine temperature: speedo, clock and fuel guage are all shown separate ly on a digital screen. The seat moves forward but the steel drilled pedals move up to meet the driver if needs be. There is no heater and forget radio; with no side windows either, you could never get near hearing it even if it used the speakers from a Blur concert. The Spider has deverly positioned slats, which apparently deflect the air up and

over the driver and passenger Great theory, but requiring a great act of faith from your faithful test driver. I accepted the argument, but why was there an array of helmets ready to pick up before I was sent out on to public roads? Do I really need a heimet? I asked innocently. "Ha, non, monsieur," said the engineer,

"but I would not know when ze gravel hits you in ze face." Oh. fine. I'll take the helmet then. And, Heavens to Betsy, it was needed because any speed above 60mph felt like sticking

the little cars uprated by another 30bhp to blast around your head out of the open window of an RAF Phantom on a low level pass over Wales. Europe's circuits. Renault dressed me head to But there was more to this foot in baggy racing overalls and helmet, driving gloves fearless test: a spin around the

Paul Ricard circuit in the competition version of the and a modicum of hope, and Spider, Renault plans its own set me off. Now this was a races for Sport Spider owners. motor that blasted off the grid

mon with Willie Schumacher than Michael. But even I couldn't make enough highspeed mistakes to wrong-foot

like a rocket, had a nonsyncromesh racing gearbox and unassisted brakes - and

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the car. The slicks clung to the tarmac, I clung to the steering wheel and the men from Renault clung to their mobile phones in case everything went wrong. At least, there was no flying gravel, but I expect that the 75

motoring to sunnier days. quieter roads ... or simply polishing one of the most remarkable shapes to come out of any car factory. It is almost worth risking a fine for failing to display a tax disc.

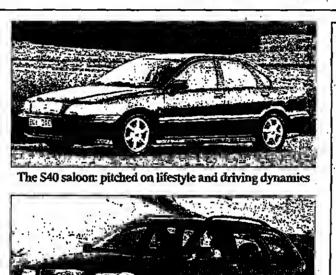
Hugh Hunston welcomes the latest offspring born of





Underplayed at the launch

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Body styles: S40 4door saloon, V40 5-door sports estate. Engines: 1.8 (115bhp)

and 2-litre (137bhp) aluminium 16-valve petrol units. Performance:

0-62mph 10.8 seconds (1.8-litre manual). Max speed 121mph (130mph for 2-litre) Economy: S40 1.8-litre manual: urban. cycle, 27.4mpg; constant 56mph.

litre auto: 23.5mpg:

year, a 20 per cent increase on. the previous year and more. than 48 per cent of total production. More than 1.5 million cars were made here. 47.9mpg; constant 75mph, 39.2mpg, V40 2the best figure for 21 years.

STATE OF BASHBOARD What led to Jaguar's little local difficulties port market is in the United 124.2

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Q I thought that British States. Sales there were up 18 car exports were thriving. Why has Jagaar laid off a third of its workforce? per cent last year, but last month they showed a severe slow-down. It seems that much talked about "feel-good" A The motor industry is subject to some strange-variations at the moment. British factories sent 744,608

factor is taking even longer to show in the US than here. cars to export markets last But I thought that after August, when the registration letter changes, January was the best month for car sales.

A Correct again, but on look very promising. New

The Renault Spider: the French company is prepared to push the boundaries of taste to a seldom explored limit deposit on their new Spider this year will confine their Britons who have put a £5,000

even if parallel production facilities and crucial economies of scale from shared development were central to the project.

Japanese half-cousin,

But the good news is that the

S40 and V40 are not clones of

the NedCar incubator.

The saloon and wagon look like Volvos, in a fresh way, feel like Volvos, and they protect their occupants both actively and passively in time-honoured fashion. Because most rivals have stolen Volvo's safety clothing the S and V40 are being pitched heavily on a combination of lifestyle and driving dynamics. senior

They are aimed at the upper

because of right-hand drive stability system" which elecproduction restrictions at the tronically senses adhesion Born factory in Holland. through Although sharing the same wheels and retards the power outline platform with the if they lose grip or spin. In

layman's terms, it shuts off Carisma, Volvo's life preserving approach means the S and one cylinder in the engine, V40 have chassis strengthenrendering the car a threeing and extra weight to match cylinder machine until normal the structural strength of the service is resumed via the larger 850 saloon and estate. tarmac. Combining this with The stiffer body shell should make for less noise and rattles, across the range anti-lock but pre-production V40s were afflicted by a squeak in the rear seatbelt mechanism. A engincer claimed

brakes emphasises accident avoidance as much as crash damage limitation. Attention to detail includes improved dipped headlamp

The V40 hatchback not a clone of its Japanese half-cousin

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effectiveness for the crucial vision range up to 75 metres in front of the car.

These Volvos are the first in class to incorporate side mounted airbags. Happily, these protective devices do not produce a siege environment, and although the grey-

trimmed interior lacks distinction it is a major improvement

40.4mpg; 33.2mpg. Price: £14,000-£20,000. on previous Volvos. Sportiman Peter Horbury, Volvo's

resident styling guru, has elevated the chunky \$40 and ness, youth appeal and vitality pepper the press blurb and testify to Volvo's avowed aim svelte V40 above most rivals. The Dutch-based Mitsuof bringing its ownership age profile down. Singles and bishi-Volvo link is likely to young families are particular S and V40 target groups. Volvo is playing for big stakes in the toughest highnurture an increasingly meaningful automotive relation-

ship, which promises an expanding and varied family volume sales arena. Englishfor both partners.

And I thought I'd read Q about Jaguars-outsell-ing Ferraris in Italy. Jaguar sales throughout

A Europe last year were nearly 60 per cent higher than in 1994 at 7,230 against 4,633. In Italy the company sold 1.075 cars - twice as many as

Ferrari sold. Q So why has the company told 2,200 workers to go home for a week?

While Europe is impor-tant, Jaguar's biggest exagain

registrations here in January were up just 0.3 per cent at 191,761. Imports took a 60.87 per cent share of the market. Q So is the outlook for Jaguar gloomy?

A Not entirely. The real moment of truth will come at the Geneva Motor Show in March when Jaguar unveils its new XK8 sports car, grandchild of the E-type. If it succeeds like its predecessors, the Big Cat will be Top Cat

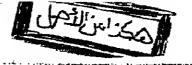


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BOOKS

NEW IN PAPERBACK



Armstrong: exploring the origins of Western misogyny

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO WOMAN By Karen Armstrong Fount, £8.99

Kevin Lag

ARMSTRONG, one-time nun-turned-teacher and fulltime writer, is also the author of the best-selling A History of God. This work, first published in 1986, is a strongly worded and fascinating exploration of Christian neuroses and the origins of Western misogyny. While never elevating oth-

er cultures at the expense of the West, one of ber main points is that while Judaism and Islam are in many ways chauvinistic and repressive towards women, they do not preach sexual disgust the way Christianity does. In the first centuries after Christ, the Christian message was

ly it was reinterpreted until the high-handed pronouncements on the status of women by St Paul became hysterical denunciations of female sexuality by the likes of St Jerome. The latter so revels in his own disgust that he seems a forerunner of the Victorians: the let's take another look at this just to remind ourselves how disgusting it really is! school of hypocrisy.

mostly egalitarian. Gradual-

sciously and unconsciously. An extremely enlightening it depressing read.

Armstrong examines the witch, the virgin, the martyr and the mystic: the different ways women are pigeon-holed in order to be con-trolled, all the time relating her theories to the way we behave today, both conCapitalism with a

BEFORE I rush off to have sex with

my husband's boss, my best friend's

boyfriend, the window cleaner, a

gardener or two and myself, I would

just like to say that all this concupis-cent activity is not only entirely natural but is for the benefit of mankind. Furthermore, the spree

will really have very little to do with

me. The girl can't help it, you see.

And neither can the boy. Our bodies

have a mind of their own. It is not the author's fault that he is

an evolutionary biologist, any more than it is the reader's fault that she is

not. But when a book has been so

obviously targeted for a wide reader-ship, the gulf between our conflicting

visions of human relations is impor-

tant. Perhaps this is what is mean by

making science sexy. For what could

most people in this country have probably never heard of Warren Buffett. In America,

despite being fabulously rich (second only to Bill Gates at current stock-market prices), he is also fantastically unpretentious. He dresses scruffily and lives in Omaha, which is closer to Deadsville than even Des Moines. He still resides in the house he bought in 1958 for

and drinks only Cherry Cola. The annual report of his company, Berkshire Hathacompany, Berksnire Haina-way, reads like something by Will Rogers out of J. P. Mor-gan. Indeed people buy a single Berkshire share (cur-rently priced at more than \$16,000) simply to get a copy. Buffett runs one of the biggest conglomerates in America from a modest office suite with a tiny staff and spends most of his day talking on the telephone or reading in an office which boasts neither a calculator nor a computer. His only concession to execu-

The real war of the sexes is fought on a

On the seedy side of sex

microscopic scale, Ginny Dougary finds

SPERM WARS: Infidelity, sexual conflict and other bedroom battles By Robin Baker Fourth Estate, £7.99

be sexier, in theory, than sex itself? But Sperm Wars, like the pornography the author is so eager to distance himself from, oot only takes the poetry out of love, it even takes the lyricism out of lust.

This book seeks to popularise the biological research conducted by Dr Robin Baker, the author, and Dr Mark Bellis. a former colleague of Baker at Manchester University.

Like its scarcely less spicy-sounding scientific precursor. Human Sperm Much of the information in the Competition: copulation, masturbation and infidelity, Sperm Wars aims to tell you everything you need to know about sperm. And much more.

so crafty or ingenious.) And the author certainly has a talent for making the mechanics of reproduc-There is nothing startling about its oon accessible: his image of the penis thesis that men are genetically proas a thrusting vacuum cleaner is grammed to conquer and women to breed. What is new is the quality and quite unforgettable. But there is only so much one can absorb about egggetting conquerors versus kamikaze quantity of information on sperm (shape, size, character, motive, purtroops without feeling like an old e), cervical mucus and the mysterman in a grubby mac wanting to flick the pages to the dirty bits. ies of the damp patch; all of which is intended to show that every sexual act - from masturbadon to rape - is There is another problem, which

predicated on the male's unconscious desire to knock his rival's more weedy sperm for six, and the female's complementary desire to collect the finest grade sperm available.

first section of the book is riveting. (I had no idea that my cervix was quite

the author seems to address in the

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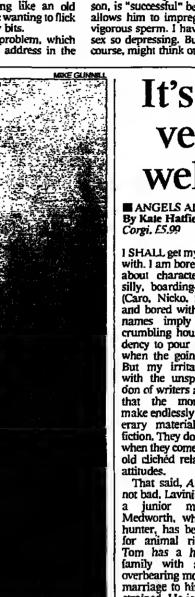
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War front fertilised human egg

section on rape. Darwinian science when applied to human beings can smack of a clinical, rather Hitlerian detachment. The woman who allows the steplather of her children to violate her daughter and beat up her son, is "successful" because she also allows him to impregnate her with vigorous sperm. I have rarely found sex so depressing. But my body, of course, might think otherwise.

It's all very wellie ANGELS ALONE By Kate Hatfield Corgi, £5.99 1 SHALL get my grumble over with. 1 am bored with reading about characters who have silly, boarding-school names (Caro, Nicko, Sasha, Flavia) and bored with all that their names imply (large, cold, crumbling houses and a tendency to pour large whiskies when the going gets tough). But my irritation is really with the unspoken assumpoon of writers and publishers that the moneyed classes make endlessly fascinating literary material for popular fiction. They do not, especially when they come with the same old cliched relationships and attitudes.



human face John Naughton on America's wealthiest ordinary Joe

OUTSIDE the City of London,

however, he has the status of a folk hero. This is because,

\$31,500, drives his own car and Midas.

BUFFETT: The Making of an American Capitalist By Roger Lowenstein Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20

tive to the "real" values of those companies, buying them cheap and watching them rise. In the process he has not only enriched himself but also those investors who spotted his potential early and stuck with him. And therein lies the secret of the Buffett legend, for he is the ultimate embodiment of the American dream - a combination of Forrest Gump

almost too good to be true about how an earnest, quiet schoolboy with a prodigious aptitude for numbers, an astonishing confidence in his own judgment and an obsession with accumulating money grew to become an investor with an unparalleled capacity for backing long-term winners. And the strangest aspect of the story is the sheer mundanity of Buffett's formula, which is based on the idea.

Heavy weather: on the seafront at Dover during the great storm of October 1987 SHUDDERING in the cruel east wind, what this country

Raining cats and frogs WEIRD WEATHER

By Paul Simons

team? Do snowflakes tinkle? And how did Second World

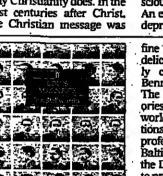


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LOUIS MACNEICE By Jon Stallworthy Faber, £12.99

IN A LETTER to an Oxford friend in 1929 MacNeice described himself as "in some strange way hollow" a statement of unhappiness that echoed the Zeitgeist. It is ciations with the wartime



hard to think of him now without the other members of that 1930s triumvirate, Auden and Spender, or to free him from nostalgic asso-

fine writer of fiction. His delicate second novel tender-ly charts the life of Dr Bennett Lang, a physicist. The story interweaves memories of Lang's childhood, a world of fantastical yet functional inventions, with his professional arrival at a Baltimore University where the Dean rapidly enlists him to prise years of unpublished theorems out of the department's reclusive genius. Lightman gives exhilarating insights into the scientific

mind. His prose, in observing the phenomena of daily existence, is sensitive and dusted with magic realism.

EGG DANCING By Liz Jensen Bloomsbury, E5.99 THE NARRATOR of this engaging first novel is Hazel, wife of chilly gynaecologist Greg, whose mission in life is to produce the Perfect Baby through the development of a drug called Genetic Choice. Meanwhile at the Manxheath Institute of Challenged Stability Hazel's tive hubris is a (second-hand) widowed mother is living out other fantasies. Or are scheduled flights had become they fantasies? This extravagant black comedy dances hilariously around questions of debusion and reality, ending with an orgy of female revenge. Jensen has a fine comic ear and ber send-ups of psychotherapy, tele-evangelism, drug marketing and senetic engineering are deliciously spot-on.

Roger Lowenstein's admir-ing biography of this legend-ary figure tells a story that is

justice to MacNeice's originality and brings the charismatic Irishman alive --clever, ironic, "totally, irredeemably heterosexual" (as Anthony Blunt called him) and ultimately sad. GOOD BENITO By Alan Lightman Sceptre, £5.99

LIGHTMAN, besides being a professor of science, is a

LET THE DEAD BURY THEIR DEAD By Randall Kenan Abacus, £6.99

SET in the close-knit, superstitious North Carolina farming community of Tims Creek, these 12 interwoven stories conjure up an elemental world in which the stark realities of poverty, racial tension and sexual betrayal are shot through with visions and fantasies. A place of golden cornfields and rocking chairs. Tims Creek is also the haunt of ghosts and angels - the spectres of lost loves, past crimes and disappointed dreams. Kenan writes with infinite compassion and lays bare the hearts and minds of his characters.

FATHER WORE

By Anne Enright

GRACE works on The LoveQuiz - an Irish TV show that is like Blind Date

but not in nearly such good

taste. She lives alone, having

left home to escape her

father's mild insanity and

absurd wig, until into her

frenzied, loveless world

floats Stephen, a very

unethereal angel. Grace fan-cies him like mad, but can't

persuade him to make love

to her, though he's wonder-

fully handy around the

house Stephen wants to

appear on The LoveQuiz, so

Grace fixes it, little guessing

the havoc his angelic emana-

tions will wreak. A witty,

original voice.

Minerva, E6.99

MARGARET HUMPHREYS Ande Enright EMPTY A Charles and the second second CRADLES 実施 THE WIG MY

EMPTY CRADLES By Margaret Humphreys Corgi, £6.99 IF SOMEONE told you she

was put on a boat to Australia, alone, at the age of four. you too might not believe it. For Margaret Humphreys. future founder of the Child Migrants Trust, this was only the first in a tidal wave

testimonies through which she came to understand and reveal the anguish of children - many told their parents were dead who were shipped off to the British colonies, often to face physical and sexual abuse. A shocking tale of social engineering gone wrong, this is also an inspiring account of tireless commitment in the face of sloth and vested anarchic novel with a very interest - and of unlimited compassion for its pawns.

Contributors: Tania Glyde, Hazel Leslie, Kate Bassett. Nicki Household, Alison Burns

private jet — and even that was justified by claiming that that share price is generall poor measure of the "underly-

ing value" of a stock. His trick was to ignore the difficult because of being pesday-to-day frothing of the markets and to scrutinise comtered by fellow passengers seeking stock-market tips. For Buffett is a genius at panies in order to identify picking shares - the smartest punter in the history of the which were properly-run busi-nesses with growth potential: stock market. It is one thing to make a million bucks from an and then to buy the stock and wait for stock-market valuation to catch up with the astute share deal or two, quite reality. The theory is simple, another to outperform the Dow index year in, year out. but practising it has evidently But Buffett has being doing this for more than 40 years, been beyond the reach of Wall Street's finest. What was oeeded, it seems, was the disciduring which time he has pline, patience and invincible never lost money for himself self-confidence which still deor his investors. For four decades he has been spotting fines Middle America - and its finest son, the inimitable stocks in public companies which were underpriced rela-Warren Buffett.

By David Mason Bloomsbury, £15.99

THE CAT By Robert Littell

Faber, £14.99

WALKING BACK

SAS myth-making to keep the

By Andrea Levy

Headline Review, £12.99

Hereford hard men happy.

really needs is a chirpy weat erman to tell us that we ain't seen nothing yet. Fortunately, there is something about British weather communicators which makes them ineffably cheerful at all times. Meteo-

rology, apparently, is so satis-fying a science that it brings a certain chirruping cootentment to its practitioners. Paul Simons is no exception. Weird Weather is a chatty, sporadically instructive anthology of the extremes and oddities of climate. It tries half-heartedly to throw in serious bits about global warming and disaster, but keeps reverting to a tooe I can only describe as gleeful. Heard about the shower of

live frogs in Shepton Mallett? The Rickmansworth frost-hollow (as cold as Braemar), or the Mablethorpe waterspout? Did you know that a Nasa rocket packed with meteorological equipment to study

LITTLE, BROWTL E15.99

lightning was prematurely set off - by a bolt of lightning? Know the one about the seamonster off Orkney that turned out 10 be a whirlwind? How many winds can you name which cause suicide? Simons can help,

Or do you wonder about will-o'-the-wisps, or why rain smells or whether it is true that SI Elmo's fire once irradiated a Dover school football

war bomber bases fog with oildrums? Did you know that San Francisco would have been discovered 200 years earlier but for the structed and mercifully unprefog? Pay attention there, class dictable. In fact, I guessed the - the fastest avalanche io the ending half-way through and world was 217mph. At first I found this book

I was wrong, which was much more fun than being right and annoying. But I am British and so have succumbed totalis testimony to Kale Hatfield's abilities as a storyteller. ly. I shall talk of little else for I found most of her characweeks; for true Brits know ters indistinguishable from that discussing weather. not one another but I quite liked the single European currency. her authorial voice. Though

she lacks the spark of true is the way to bappiness. Don't go away. I was going to tell you about the effect of originality. Hatfield has true compassion for her characters, and that, at least, is more rainfall on the sex life of the than can be said of this reader. Panamanian fungus beetle

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The new post-Cold War villains are renegade communists, says Peter Millar

RELATING the make-believe world of the thriller to reality is a risky business. One route, mapped by Frederick Forsyth in The Day of the Jackal, is to set the action in the past, then reveal the "secret" story of how history almost crashed off the rails.

David Mason dealt in his first book Shadow over Baby-lon with a former SAS squad's assassination attempt on Saddam Hussein. in Little Brother, he reassembles some of that team in an effort to stop an assassination. The villains are the former East German secret police, the Stasi, now

The book is sadly marred by cast as hit-men-for-hire hanga few factual inaccuracies, and Mason's protagonists have too much of Hogan's Heroes about them. But he gives us ing out in North Korea. This is rip-roaring macho stuff in the best Wilbur Smith tradition that bizarrely includes a plug for John Major that the No 10 PR boys would just enough hints to guess the assassination target and then have killed for and enough pulls off a last page double

THIS is the story of two sisters, born in

London in the 1960s, the children of

Jamaican immigrants. The elder, Olive,

has a much darker skin than her sister

Vivien. They narrate alternate chapters.

Vivien represents assimilation through

education and the social mobility it

brings. She is not tooling herself, she says. "When I was young, I used to look at my parents ... and think how lucky

this country was to have them ... but

even when I was young, I knew that

English people hated us" - but she

chooses to keep her head down, and thus

escapes some of the traps of race, class

and gender, exchanging the naked

Red cowboys, dead Indians LITTLE BROTHER

bluff to tie in tightly with the history books. Robert Littell has chosen an

altogether more exotic post-Cold War vein to mine. His villains are not the Stasi but the KGB themselves, or at least an American-based network, cut off and left in limbo by the fruits of perestroika. That is, until Moscow Centre resurrects itself in the shad-owy form of a new "rezident" codenamed Prince Igor and

begins ordering their "wetwork" expert. codenamed Parsifal, to murder Apaches. Enter Finn, a Gulf War

veteran with a horror of war and empathy with the Apaches, who make their living from a gambling casino in the New Mexico desert. When Finn finds out that the casino is being taken to the cleaners and Parsifal wonders why Moscow is interested in dead Indians, their interests collide. They begin "walking back the cat", CIA slang for what John le Carré would call "taking the packbearings". But tracing the chain of command from the bottom up reveals disturbing parallels

between the reactivated Russian network and the mafiastyle casino shakedown. Not just the bad guys go off the rails, they discover.

This is an extraordinary thriller: challenging, brutal yet curiously optimistic, an offbeat epic about offbeat humanity.

Ungroovy kind of love

THE 1960s are high fashion again. Perhaps that explosion of youth and confidence looks even brighter now against the backdrop of recession. Nostalgia sells, the Beatles are back, and so are skinny clothes for malnourished models. But Frances Donnelly's new novel takes on the darker side of the 960s.

The evil star of Catch the Wind is Kit Carson, a rock musician shooting from success to terrifying fame. His fans would like to eat him alive and on one occasion they nearly do. The portrait of Kit is vivid, believable and the best thing in a book which tells rather than shows. Kit cannot handle what his talent and charisma bring him. and his self-destructiveness is only exceeded by his ability to destroy those around him. Catch the Wind follows

three young women whose mothers were the main characters in Donnelly's first novel. Shake Down the Stars. Daisy, fresh from the glamour of Haight Ashbury, preaches total sexual liberation. In fact, she is oeeply depressed by orgies with unappealing men and menaced by a drug scene turned sour and violent. This is a novel of survival through self-discovery and a return to certain basic values. Daisy shakes off photographers and television personalities who



CATCH THE WIND

By Frances Donnelly Corgi, £5.99

see her as a symbol of swing-ing London and falls in love. Annie, who is a talented dress designer but has no confidence, slowly learns to trust herself. Alexia, Kit's lover, eventually flees his vio-lence. Donnelly touches on the mixture of fear and shattered confidence that makes women stay with violent men. It takes a scene in which Kit smashes his newborn daughter's cradle and punches Alexia while she is holding the baby before

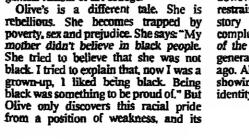
Alexia can emerge from her numb passivity. But although the events are dramatic, the writing is lowkey and so Catch the Wind

remains readable rather than absorbing. Donnelly has not yet achieved that difficult combination of strong story, tension, sparkle and pace that turns a good popular novel into a magnetic bestseller.

HELEN DUNMORE

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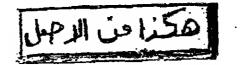
England's white, unpleasant land NEVER FAR FROM NOWHERE discovery does not do her much good. The blurb says that this book will shake you with its raw energy". Novels about race and class that promise to do racism of her council estate for the that are probably best avoided. This one, genteel racism of art college.



identity imposed on them by others.

ROBERT CRAMPTON

bowever, is much longer on intelligent restraint than it is on "raw energy". The story is well told, does not dodge complexity and rings true as an account of the fear and confusion felt by firstgeneration black English people 20 years ago. Above all Andrea Levy succeeds in showing bow people respond to an



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RECORDINGS

NEW ON CD: Sparkling Cosi; Rachmaninov as nature intended; Hounslow's Bluetones take wing; Ben Webster swings with strings

with each note carefully sus-

pended in positioo, can turn to affronted male rage in Act II.

Ferrando and Fiordiligi are always the stormy petrels of

stay ready to play the complai-

sant couple. She teases and surrenders; he persuades and

The beginning of Act II is filled with the ripple of femi-nine laughter as Despina tells

Pertusi casts tradition aside 10

opens the old Paris Opera in

the title role of Don Giovanni,

a concert performance with

Solti conducting. Giovanni.

Solti in the autumn and the recording engineers will be there. On the evidence of this witty and dashing Cosi, we

CHAMBER Hilary Finch

RACHMANINOV Sonata No 2, etc Zoltan Kocsis Philips 446 220-2***

JUST as, in the case of Bartók, Zoltan Kocsis has been pitting his own imagination and intelligence to thrilling effect

against the composer's own from manuscript and piano

roll, so now he turns to

Rachmaninov. Both in his

playing and in his own accom-

panying notes. Kocsis makes a

strong case for this original 1913 version of the Sonata

No 2. Rachmaninov's 1931 re-

vision, with its numerous cuts

and awkward transitions, re-

duced the work to little more

than an outline. Here is the

piece in its full rhapsodic

glory, and Kocsis has both the

technique and the intellect to

So deeply thought out is his

performance that he has the freedom to unfold the music as

if it were an improvisation.

This is so vital in Rach-

maninov where, as Kocsis

bring it off.

should stay tuned.

conquers.

John Higgins

OPERA

MOZART Così fan tutte

the love game, while Anne Sofie von Otter and Olaf Bar Fleming/von Otter/ Scarabelli/Lopardo/Bār/ Pertusi/Chamber Orchestra of Europe/Solti Decca 444 174-2 (3 CDs)*** WEARY, perhaps, of the demands of stage directors. Sir Georg Solti has recently turned to concert opera. In the her mistresses about the real world. Adelina Scarabelli has a bit of edge to her tone, but this contrasts well with the spring of 1994, he took the Chamber Orchestra of Europe sisters trilling away like a couple of lovebirds. Michele and six wisely chosen soloists on a brief tour of Cosi fan tutte ihrough France and Germany offer a young and forceful Don Alfonso. Next month he rebefore ending with two nights at the Festival Hall. On arrival in London, the team was sparking together so well that 90 per cent of this Decca recording is taken from the first of that pair of that pair performances.

with some cast changes, comes to the Festival Hall with

Fleming: outstanding

Here is sunlit Solti. Except during Fiordiligi's Act II aria, Per pieta, he adopts quicksilver tempos, using the lightest of touches with his small and expert band of players. Solti steers well clear of the current habit of peering into the darker corners of Cosi and prefers to see the Mozart-da Ponte wager of constancy as a comedy of youthful indiscretion. Everyone concerned will learn to live and love another day. The score is complete, but with the verbal exchanges taken at staccato speed the opera is over in under three hours, including some Festival Hall applause. In the theatre, even with cuts, it has all too NEW ON VIDEO: Paris with no heart; Audrey Hepburn on the brink of stardom; Usual Suspects in the clear

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Scoring no points: Billy Crystal plays a smug, selfish basketball referee but fails to make the audience care about a curiously moribund love story in Forget Paris

FORGET PARIS Columbia TriStor, 12, 1995 CAN Billy Crystal and Debra Winger make their love affair stick? Do we care? Not much, partly because the stars never seem to be two hearts beating as one. Why would Winger, an airline executive. ever contemplate bliss with Crystal's smug, selfish basketball referee? The Paris we see is the movie creation: tourist traps, locals in berets. On the brighter side, the script's portrayal of urban angst brings Woody Allen pleasurably to mind. A rental release.

half hours of extreme whimsy. pastiche thriller and visits from the likes of Mikhail Gorbachev. Peter Falk and Lou Reed. Otto Sander's angel casts a kindly eye around the unified city and takes on mortal form: but the deeper he delves into human life, the more cumbersome Wenders's conceits grow. Ravishing photography helps.

I LOVE A MAN IN UNIFORM Tartan, 18, 1993 MILD bank clerk and part-time actor becomes a televisioo cop and

vating, though you still need the patience of Job to survive two and a fascination with television violence and sneaks plenty of dark humour into the edgy scenes. Stage actor Tom McCamus is riveting as the hero led off the rails by his just for order. No masterpiece, but a strik-ing film with a tart disposition and a mind of its own.

ROMAN HOLLDAY -CIC, U, 1953 GREGORY PECK'S American

newspaperman falls for a princess in disguise: a slim, whimsical story once earmarked for Frank Capra and fattened up by director William

bound she leapt from British bit- THE USUAL SUSPECTS parts to Hollywood stardom and an

MITHE SLINGSHOT Connoisseur, 12, 1993 AKE SANDGREN'S oddball Swed-ish film whisks us to Stockholm In

Oscar.

the 1920s, where a sensitive but resilient child suffers school persecution, family strife, and peers up his first female skirt. The film, from an autobiographical novel, is never boring, but Sandgren's staid brand of image-making rubs away some of the characters' sharp edges, and it never matches its obvious forerun-ner. My Life as a Dog. The title the characters' sharp edges, and it never matches its obvious forerun-

SCENE

remarkable comeback.

made the most of the connec-

tion, securing the services of

Weller himself in a cameo

But the lion's share of the

role, playing the organ.

PolyGram, 18, 1995 JOIN Special Agent Chazz Palminetri as he tries to disentangle the threads that bind five critminals and lead to a dockside fire and 27 dead bodies. The plot is complex but director Bryan Singer keeps it moving with an authority and bold style worlds removed from the static cleverness of his only other film. Public Access. The action at times burns the screen but there is room for careful characterisations, and the strong cast - including Kevin

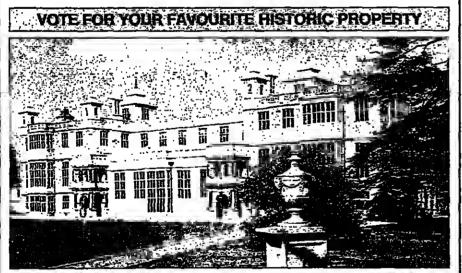
often seemed much, much longer

Solti's previous Cosi for Decca was not one of his best recordings and suffered from an unduly staid Fiordiligi (Lorengar). He makes no such mistakes this time round. Renée Fleming begins a bit cautiously in the role but quickly warms up. Per pietd is quite outstanding. Frank Lopardo's Ferrando is easily his best performance on disc to date: the honeyed mezza voce of Un aura omorosa.

himself puts it, "the work and its interpretation are all of a piece". Kocsis fills out this recital with enthralling performances of six Preludes, three Etude-Tobleaux and two Morceaux de fontaisie. **FI RACHMANINOV**

Compete Songs Vol I Leiferkus/Rodgers/ Shelley, etc Chandos CHAN 9405** CHANDOS has assembled some of Rachmaninov's finest

his poets with great care, so here each singer is sensitively cast and responds with real conviction to each of the songs as they unfold in chronological order. interpreters for a complete Sergei



Audicy End House, a Jacobean mansion in Essex one of 16 short-listed properties

The Times/NPI National Heritage Awards

Name

Since the launch of the National Heritage Awards last autumn, readers of The Times have nominated more than 160 properties which they consider to be the best in the British Isles.

The awards, in association with pensions specialist NPI, now moves onto the voting stage and today we publish a voting form, right, containing the lo short-listed finalists. You can also vote for The Times Family award, by selecting a property you consider makes a special effort to entertain and inform adults and children.

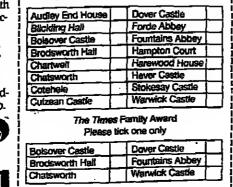
The winning property will be presented with a crystal trophy by Lord Inglewood, under secretary of state at the Department of National Heritage, at a gala reception in London in . April. By registering your vote, you will automatically be entered into a prize draw for the chance to attend the ceremony with a guest. Coffee table books illustrating historic build-

ings. worth £20 each, will go to 20 runners-up. Post the voting form to:

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🖬 FARAWAY, SO CLOSE Connoisseur, 15, 1994 WIM WENDERS'S sequel to Wings of Desire. Some stretches are capti-

Leiferkus takes

song series whose first volume

promises much. Just as Rachmaninov himself chose

takes his uniform home. Out oo the streets in black leather, he finds the power life otherwise denied him. Canadian director David Welling-

charge of the very first song, Rachmaninov's sombre Ler-

montov setting, At the gates of the holy cloister. Then, as the

recital moves on through the

early Op 4 songs. Maria

Popescu's mezzo-soprano

warms to the half-lights of

Morning. The six songs of

Op 8, with their settings of

Ukrainian and German poet-

ry, bring an elusive Dream

from Alexandre Naomenko's

mordant, slightly nasal tenor:

while Joan Rodgers offers an anguished Prayer. Pianist

Howard Shelley comes into

his own in the challenging

accompaniments of the Op 14

songs, painting a pulsating backdrop for Nacumenko's

Summer Nights and Rod-

ORCHESTRAL

Barry Millington

gers's Spring Torrents.

TCHAIKOVSKY

Symphony No 4 RIMSKY-KORSAKOV

Capriccio espagnol Saito Kinen Orchestra/

Philips 446 102-2***

ALTHOUGH active for only

two months of the year, the Saito Kinen Orchestra has

carved a considerable reput-

ation for itself in the 12 years of

its existence. Founded by Seiji Ozawa and Kazuyoshi Aki-

yama in memory of the great Japanese teacher Hideo Saito,

the orchestra draws on promi-

nent soloists, teachers and

other players. This is its fourth

recording under Ozawa for

The orchestra's defining

characteristic is discipline.

sued in the DG Originals

series last year. Nor. for better

or worse, does the Saito Kinen

Orchestra have the raw, ele-

mental quality of Sanderling's Leningrad Philharmonic of

the 1950s. But there is no lack

of electricity here, nor of

lines of the first movement are

sculpted with a sensitivity for

their emotional content, while

Ozawa

Philips.

Wyler, who insisted on shooting in

Rome and never lets us forget it. But it is an admirable showcase for young Audrey Hepburn. In one

to a retro formula of guitars, drums and voices, their debut album, Expecting to Fly, has a comfortingly familiar sound. On songs such as Things Change and Time & Again, Adam Devlin's guitar playing encompasses the chiming grace of Johnny Marr and the choppy aggression of Pete Townshend, while singer Mark Morriss plies his tales of romantic whimsy with a

clean-cut voice, making a pleasing virtue out of his long, southern-English vowels. Disillusionment is a recurring theme - "I'm not the same person I was a year ago/You cut me deeply and the scars still show" - but, typically, it is music that turns a downcast mood into some-

thing uplifting. Their fondness for pop melody, and the care with which the songs are written and arranged, means that they Guitarist Steve Cradock continues to hold down his stray, at times, a little too close and the revitalised Scene have to the bland tunesmithery of the Beautiful South. But on harder numbers, such as the ambitious Talking to Clarry and Cut Some Rug (imagine the Stone Roses with a proper both Brendan Lynch, producer of Weller's Wild Wood and Stanley Road albums, and singer), there is a rare brilliance at work.

MJJ Music/Epic 481694* TAJ (22), Taryll (20) and TJ that their uncle is none other than the King of Pop himself. Membership of a show-business dynasty undoubtedly

the grooming process, which effectively began at birth, and the burden of expectation on their slender shoulders is such that any spark of youthful innocence or spontaneity has been rigorously excised from this debut.

The result is a sophisticated but rather study collection of mature soul ballads and mellow swingbeat grooves that have been polished to dull perfection. Uncle Michael sings with the boys on Why, an insipid, orchestrated ballad that addresses such big ques-

comes from a contraption the hero of last year. Available to rent. makes from a little bent wire and two condoms.

tions as "Why does Wednes-

day come after Tuesday?", and

his involvement alone will

GEOFF BROWN

JAZZ **Clive Davis**

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guarantee that this album will sell. But their tendency to play **BEN WEBSTER** safe means that, despite their Music For Loving Verve 527774 (2 CDs) ** obvious talent, the Ts sound as if they have been catapulted into an early middle-age. DOES an improviser as lush and melodic as Ben Webster

require any help from an orchestral arranger? In an ideal world, he would be left to David Sinclair explore Chelsea Bridge or Early Autumn in the company

of an unadorned rhythm sec-CEAN COLOUR tion with, say, Harry Edison blowing a wry obbligato. The Riverboat Song MCA MCSTD 40021*** Most writing for strings A BAND that most observers resolutely refuses to do anyassumed were destined for the thing so indecorous as swing. scraphean after their first so it would be natural to album flopped in 1992, Ocean assume that draping Web-Colour Scene have mounted a

ster's saxophone in violins would have unhappy consequences. It ain't necessarily so. as this assortment of midday job in Paul Weller's band, 1950s sessions makes plain. If an orchestra must be drafted in, then Ralph Burns

and Billy Strayhorn's arrangements are probably the most tasteful anyone could hope for. Seldom obtrusive or syrupy, they furnish subtle rhythmic tics and figures behind Web-ster's billowing tenor. That said, it still comes as a relief to reach the handful of tracks where he is matched with just Teddy Wilson, Ray Brown and Jo Jones. This decidedly off-beat double album concludes with a suave orchestral selection composed for that other distinguished Elling-tonian, Harry Carney.

G FOURTH WORLD Encounters of the Fourth World

B+W Music BW045++

WHEN they first came to Ronnie Scott's, many moons ago. Airto Moreira's band of percussion-driven fusioneers seemed on the verge of inventing a whole new Latin jazz vocabulary. As the years went by the tone grew more bombastic, the lyrical José Neto slowly turning into a big bad axe-hero. By the time this live recording was made in Amsterdam, almost exactly a year ago, the hyperactivity quotient was still extremely high, but

on the rare occasions when Neto throttles back, you still feel yourself in the presence of a remarkable talent

* Worth hearing ** Worth considering *** Worth buying

David Sinclair When combined with Ozawa's meticulous ear for detail -THE BLUETONES Expecting to Fly Superior Quality evident too in his recording of Tchaikovsky's Fifth with the Recordings/A8M Berlin Philharmonic last year BLUE 004+++ - the result is the last word in DESPITE the scramble by the precision. Ozawa's reading of Tchaikovsky is less demonic latest wave of groups to dissothan that of, say, Kurt Sanderciate themselves from the dogling, whose Fourth was reis-

eared Britpop tag. the charabanc rolls on. And if the Bluetones are not an example of a new British band playing fine pop music, then it is hard to think who is.

Four earnest young men from Hounslow who have already been declared the feeling for the appropriate style and idiom. The flowing great pale hopes of 1996 on the basis of a handful of singles, they offer plenty of passion, though nothing in the way of innovation. Sticking primarily



Ozawa: exhilarating sweep

the brass rings out with an incisive edge, the Fate motif scything thrillingly through the texture.

The phrasing of the Andan-tino is similarly trim and neat, almost to a fault: the effect is slightly prettified, where the folk-tune contours call for something a touch more earthy. Yet there is a genuine heart-tugging quality here too. In the Finale, again, precision is the watchword: every one of those rushing, frenzied semiquavers is in place, clearly articulated. Ozawa's pacing is also admirable, leaving himself scope to sweep the coda away to an exhilarating finish. The coupling is Rimsky-

Korsakov's Capriccio Espag-nol, in which orchestra and conductor do full justice to the brilliant colours and lively Spanish rhythms for which the piece is famous.

POP ALBUM

□ **3**1 Brotherhood

Jackson (17) are the three Ts in 31. Their Dad is Tito Jackson, formerly of the Jackson Five/Jacksons, which means

has its advantages. Not only are the boys - none of whom looks a day over 15 - signed to Michael Jackson's MJJ label, but he has also contributed a new song, Why, to their alburn, Brotherhood However, the intensity of

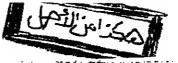
credit for this great single belongs to the group itself.

Tooled up with an authentic 1960s rock sound. The Riverboat Song boasts an insistent hustling rhythm whipped along by splashes of wah-wah guitar and a hyperactive pair of maracas.

"I see trouble up the road." Simon Fowler sings in his

high, throaty voice, as neurotic squalls of rattle and hum nip at the heels of the tune. Packed with energy, it is a song that will surely set them back on the road to greater things.







Fields of dreams become a thousand village greens

Oliver Gillie on millennium plans to establish green havens all over Britain

Oxfordshire village, by chance - and immediately fell in love. Sheep were grazing on a field in front of the church and the old manor house. It was the English rural idyll she had been searching for after spending years in Africa.

"I was struck by the beauty of the scene," says Mrs Soulsby, "and immediately felt that nothing must ever be allowed to spoil fr."

She bought a house in the village, was elected to the parish council, and found that one of the first items on the agenda was how the parish could buy the field in front of the church. The asking price, then £35,000, was beyond the resources of the parish. Mrs Soulsby sought help and was referred to the Countryside Commission, which is hoping to set up a scheme with the Millennium Fund to establish 1,000 new greens in villages, towns and cities throughout the country.

Stanford in the Vale is a picturebook village with a 12th-century church and houses built of local stone - some of them thatched, others using local slate. It overlooks the Vale of White Horse, with the Downs and the ancient Ridge Way road to the south. The area is steeped in history. According to the Wessex Chronicles, King Alfred rode his horse in the Western valley" - probably the valley of the

lizabeth Soulsby came to White Horse. But Stanford in the Stanford in the Vale, an Vale is not a community of retired · Vale is not a community of retired people wanting to preserve the old at the expense of the new. As well as traditional stone houses, there are several hundred other dwellings built by the council before and after the war, many of which are now owner-occupied. The village owns a leisure field which is used primari-ly by the local football club, but

there is no cricket pitch. "We are in the middle of the most beautiful countryside but there is nowhere for children to play or for old people to sit and enjoy the sunshine on a summer day," Mrs

Soulsby says. But now it looks as if the field beside the church will soon belong to the village residents. It is one of 23 "millennium greens" established by the Countryside Commission as a pilot project. The Commission bopes to obtain support from the Millennium Fund to finance 1,000 before the year 2000. The Commission is providing half of the money and looks to other sources to provide the rest. A legal agreement will be made to protect the land for future generations. If the land were to be taken over for any other purpose, such as roads or housing, land would



Top: the field in the Oxfordshire village of Stanford in the Vale that will soon belong to residents Above: an industrial site in Dormanstown, Cleveland, will also benefit from a millennium green

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Commission has agreed to provide half the cost of buying and develop-ing the field. It will be improved by the planting of trees and a hedge. Seating will be installed at one end. where parents can wait before collecting their children from the primary school next door, and at the other end, next to the ancient manor wall, there is a raised area which might be used as a stage for plays or prize-givings.

pursuits, such as kicking a ball around with their children, playing cricket, throwing frisbees or flying

Many of the millennium greens will be in densely populated city areas - some dominated by industry. Areas such as Dormanstown, near Redcar, Cleveland, which is situated midway between the for-mer Dorman Long's steelworks (now British Steel) and ICI's Wilton works. Dormanstown the 1920s as a garden city - a brave attempt to make the area attractive. But either the planners lost confidence, or ran out of money, because many of the trees that were

supposed to line the wide avenue roads were never planted. Now Redcar and Cleveland Bor-

ough Council is planning to create a millennium green on a space where old houses have been cleared. The site will be landscaped and planted with native trees, shrubs and wild flowers, which will defy the maze of pipework and chemical storage tanks a few hun-Planning Act, the meadow was dred yards away. The green will provide a safe play area for destined to become the property of the local au children and a gateway to the proposed Cleveland community forest Walking south from the green at Dormanstown, a hiker crosses for leisure purposes for 20 years.

farmland soon to be forest and can follow an old bridle track past be recognised as a viltage green but Lazenby bank up to the Exton Hills, where there are views of the North Sea to the east. To the south there is open country leading to the North Yorkshire Moors - an area of wilderness stretching 25 miles to the ruins of Rievaulx Abbey in the south and Robin Hood's Bay in the east_

Whether or not millennium reens will become village greens in the legal sense will, it seems, be a matter for local people to decide. The law allows the greens to be used for agricultural shows for up to 12 days a year and, if the town or village has a right to have a market, they might also be used for stalls selling crafts.

The land for several of the millennium greens has been donat-ed by local authorities. However, these authorities sometimes don't want areas which they may intend to develop for housing to be tied up as village greens. It took Jim Briggs and his friends in Aldwick, near Bognor Regis, West Sussex, eight years to get a piece of land owned by Arun District Council registered as a village green. The land at Aldwick was a meadow left open when surrounding land was developed for private housing in 1967. As required by the Town and Country

be recognised as a village green but were opposed by Arun Council, which wished to retain h as a realisable asset. After the first application failed, local people took advice from the Open Spaces Society and, in a second application four years later, evidence of 20 years leisure use of the meadow was accepted and it was registered as a village green. The advantage of registration is

that it confers certain rights of use for recreation which do not alter with a change of ownership, and it reduces the chances of the land being used for building development. Some 33 new greens throughout England have been registered since 1990, when it became easier because a 20-year period had elapsed since the Commons Registration Act. Although most of the planned new greens will be only a few acres in size, it reverses the trend of the past 200-300 years. which has seen common land steadily enclosed by private owners.

The Countryside

Commission has an information pack for anyone interested in applying for funds for a millennium green. Write to: Millennium Greens, The Countryside Commission, 71 Kingsway, London WC2 BóST. Getting Greens Registered -

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be provided elsewhere in the havens for birds, trees and hedgevillage. The owner of the field, Hubert Howse, has brought down his price

row creatures, but most of all they will be havens for human beings. They are conceived as spaces where to £27,500, and the Countryside people will enjoy informal leisure

Following administrative delays, however, it was not taken over by the council until 1987, by which time it had been used by residents a guide to law and procedure, £9 inc p&p, is available from the Open Spaces Society, 25a Bell Street, Henley-on-Thames. Oxon RG9 2BA.

SAILING: If you don't know an injector from an impeller, engine lessons may save your life

Rescue for the mechanically challenged

f, like me, you go to sea to sail, to use the power of the wind and the tide, you probably regard the engine on your boat with a mixture of awe and trepidation.

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Without it you can't get in and out of marinas; picking up moorings, especially in a tideway, can be challenging; and when the wind dies on you on a Sunday night and you are trying to get to work on Monday, you might just be facing one of those embarrass-ing calls to the office. And, crucially, engines can help to get us out of trouble.

Despite the degree to which we depend on engines, many sailors — experienced ones at that — know little about them. You only have to ask the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI). Its statistics for lifeboat call-outs reveal that 34 per cent of all launchings to sail and powered pleasurecraft result from simple mechanical failure; and the proportion of those call-outs is increasing every year.

As long as we pay our dues to the AA or RAC, we can get away with almost total ignorance of what is going on under our car bonnet. But in he middle of the North Sea. i's just you, your spares and vour engine.

As a former dinghy sailor with a distaste for mechanical matters, I needed an introducion to the diesel on my boat, Vuteracker. Having spent 5,000 on a new Yanmar hree-cylinder during her refit ast year, and a pile more having it put in. I had no lesire to wreck it through gnorance. fishing boat.

The Essex Sailing School in viaylandsea, on the southern

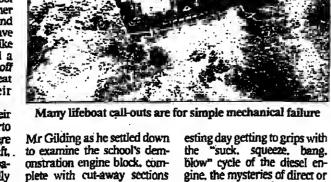
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shores of the Blackwater estuary, is among many schools offering Royal Yachting Association-recognised one-day diesel courses for recreational sailors: The school runs around six courses a year, usually for about six students

at a time, at £56 a head. Mike Tyrrell, the school's principal and an engineer. believes the course is imperative for anyone embarking on the RYA's navigation and general seamanship programmes, such as the Day Skipper certifi-cate. The aim is to give people an idea of their engine system, to avoid faults that they themselves have caused, to show which spare parts to carry and how to solve simple problems at sea - so avoiding the need to go to a workshop or to call out a

Malcolm Gilding, who have owned boats for years but, like so many of us, had found a long list of reasons to put off getting to know their heat exchanger from their

manifold. It was an incident near their holiday home at Puerto Andratx in Majorca, where they keep their Llaud - a 21ft, . double-ended traditional Spanish fishing boat -- that finally persuaded them to go back to



plete with cut-away sections for ease of access and viewing. school. A young couple in a speedboat suffered engine fail-"But I'm glad we've got round to it. All our friends laughed ure within sight of land but, when I said I was taking my unable to mend it themselves, wife on a diesel-engine course, were blown offshore and spent but I could be ill or have an three days at sea. suffering accident on the boat. I think severe dehydration, before the more Anne knows, the better."

they were picked up by a Under Mr Tyrrell's tutelage. "I've always put it off," said we spent a surprisingly inter-

while before you turn it off. By the end of the day we were talking about fine filters. injectors, the gallery, impellers and the governor. We even had tricky test questions such as: "If the thermostat is stuck in the closed position, what part of the engine would overheat first?" Answer: the

cylinder head. Mrs Gilding admitted that h was a lot more fun and easier to understand than she had expected. She also found it very useful. "I've always been a little wary about the engine. I used to think in the back of my mind that if it stopped, I wouldn't really know what to do. This has given me more

minutes before you leave your

mooring does them more

harm than good? It's when you

confidence. Serious things can go wrong, but if it's just a hose going or something simple, then we should be able to cope." The RYA hopes that more

and more people will attend the courses, not only to cut down the number of lifeboat call-outs to boats with often minor mechanical failure but to improve general standards of seamanship.

Unfortunately, though. it seems only the more conscientious types are doing the course. As John Hart, for 15 vears coxswain of the Barry Lifeboat, who helped to devise the course, put it: "The most irresponsible people who need instruction are the ones who don't do the course. There's no allowing for the lunatic few whatever courses you put together or legislation you bring to bear."

EDWARD GORMAN For information about RYA-recognised engine courses contact Jane Keohane at the

RYA on 01703 627454. Similar courses are also provided by leading engine manufacturers. including Volvo Penta (01923 228544); Perkins (01733 582408); and Sabre (01202 893720).

put to work immediately they are turned on, and that warming them up in neutral for 20 Next week: the supervacht

return after sailing that it should be left to tick over for a of the berry snatchers 1 MUST say some more about the waxwing, for the irruption of these birds into the British Isles this winter has proved to be quite spectacular - the biggest for 30 years. Flocks of 100 or more have been record-

ed in many parts of Britain. besides numerous smaller flocks and single birds. They have been driven down from Scandinavia and northern Russia by the shortage of rowan berries. Most of them have been

seen in town gardens or in hawthorn hedges on suburban waste ground. The reports of them on the Birdline telephone service (see below) have been quite comic - "behind Safeway", "in the garden of No 79", "near the Little Chef". This is no doubt because the hawthorn berries have al-

ready been largely stripped from the bushes by blackbirds and thrushes in the countryside, whereas in towns many cotoneasters and privet berries are still to be had. I SAW a flock of six at Ware in

Hertfordshire last week, and it might be useful if 1 indicate what to look out for. They are tame, but they do lurk in the middle of hawthorns, rather than display themselves on the outside branches, so do peer into any berry-bearing tree. If you get so much as a glimpse of one, you will recognise it immediately. They are about as big as starlings and their head-crest is unmistakable.

Sometimes, 1 noticed, it is sleeked back like a wedge, but at other times it looks fluffy. They are pinkish birds, though they can seem quite

dull in poor light. The head and crest often have a red glow, and the black eye-stripe and bib are conspicuous. The vellow and white marks on the wing are small, and the red blob like sealing wax on the

wing is hard to see. But the

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saw a pair sitting side by side like doves, even touching bills once. Their thin trill is distinctive, but not ear-catching. They eat snow, and have even been seen llying out to pick up a falling snowflake in the air.

Waxwings catch snowflakes

yellow tip to the tail looks golden when the sun shines

All the members of the flock

sit quietly together in the bushes: then there is a flurry

of berry-snatching, after which they all subside again. I

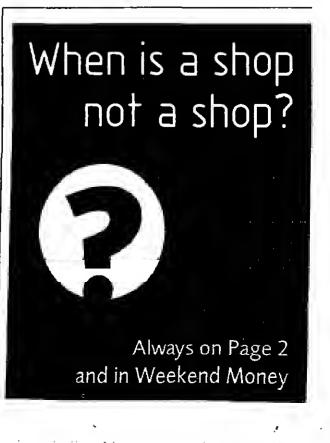
through it.

Feather report

Beware the invasion

In flight, their grey rumps are conspicuous. They are said to fly like starlings, but their undulations reminded me more of great spotted wood-peckers. They are still around everywhere, but on the move.

DERWENT MAY • What's about: Birders – listen for the song of the chaffinch in wooded gardens and parks. Twitchers – a pine bunting at Halcsowen, West Midlands: a long-billed dowitcher at Copperhouse Creek, Cornwall. Details from Birdline (289170)222. Calls. osst #0n a minute chean Calls cost 40p a minute cheap rate, 50p at all other times.



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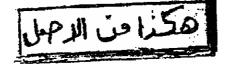
cooling system and the general

dos and don'ts of marine

Did you know, for example,

(I didn't) that diesels are best

lifeboat. n my day at the school there were two other "students", Anne and



BRITAIN: The haunting landscape of the Fens; ideas for entertaining children at half term ...

TRAVEL

Winter in waterland

magine a landscape so flat and featureless that even , the hedges stand out. Picture the setting sun hanging in an endless sky. Then look towards the horizon to see an lith-century cathedral seemingly floating above the fields.

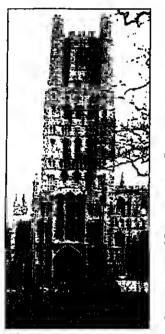
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This is the scene as you approach Ely across the Fens. Medieval travellers met an even more dramatic sight -Ely Cathedral, the "ship of the Fens", rising out of the reeds on its island fortress.

Nowadays Ely (eel island) is an isle no more and the waters that have shaped East Anglia are temporarily tamed by science. But the flat Fen landscape, with a windmill here, a church there, can still exercise a powerful hold on the imagination.

Anyone who has read Graham Swift's Walerland will feel echoes of it on a winter morning as the mist rises from the sodden soil.

Fenlanders once lived their lives on the waler - they shot wildfowl, caught eels, dug peat and cut down reeds to build stilt houses. All that changed in the 17th century when drainage schemes rescued the Fens from the sea, creating



tinues traditional Feniand practices here, cutting sedge. reed and peat and using them wherever possible. Walk around the reserve, then into the surrounding farmland to see how the area has changed since drainage.

Wicken Fen attracts a good variety of wildlife but serious bird-watchers must visit the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust's centre at Welney. A third of Europe's wild swans winter here on the Ouse Washes beside the Hundred Foot Drain, one of two parallel canals cut out in the 17th century to divert the course of the Ouse. Most are Whooper

and Bewick's swans, migrants from Iceland and Russia. From November to February you can see the swans under floodlight. At the height of winter you might see 3,000

of them. Go at dusk to watch them in flight. returning to their night-time resting-place. But wherever you go in the Fens you are always drawn back to Ely. The city was founded in 673 AD by St Etheldreda, daughter of the

East Anglian king, who received the island as a dowry. Her first husband died, her second marriage failed, and she retired to a hilltop retreat to establish an abbey on the site of today's cathedral. Hereward the Wake used Ely as his last line of defence against William the Conqueror. But the Normans won, took the town, and in 1081 began building the cathedral - the main reason for visiting

Ely today. The highlight is the 14thcentury octagonal lan-tern, 400 tons of lead and wood, providing a nighttime beacon visible for miles, But I have a soft spot for the Lady Chapel, England's larg-est, completed by Alan of Walsingham in 1322, Behead-ed saints, defaced during the AVON Reformation. line the walls: childish images of Adam and Eve adorn the ceiling. The cathedral contains an

excellent stained glass museum, its exhibits from 1240 (the

LONDON

Masque in Action: Members of the Seventeenth Century Heritage Centre re-enact the masque from the days of the Stuart court. The Banqueting House, Whitehall (0171-930 4179). Feb 21-24, Юат-4рт. Adults E3. children E2.

Brer Rabbit Visits Africa: More classic tales using marionettes. Puppet Theatre Barge. Little Venice, Biomfield Road, W9 (017)-349 6876). Daily, Feb 17-25, 3pm. Adults £5.50, children £5.

Eighteenth Century London Workshop: Explore how people lived and try crafts used to make objects in the home. Geffrye Museum, Kingsland Road, E2 (0171-739 9893). Feb 20-23 10.30am-12.45pm and 2-4pm. Free but donations requested for materiols.

The Minibeasts: What happens when a little girl is shrunk to the size of an insect? Also Thumbelina's puppet show fo three to five-year-olds. Polka Theatre for Children, 240 The Broadway, SW 19 (0181-240 The Broadway, SW 19 (015)-543 4888). Feb 8 to Apr 6. Times vary. Adults and children E6.50. [5] Thumbelina: Feb 20-24. Times vary. Adults ond children £3.90.

Meet A Roman Actor and his lady who will tell you about life in Roman times. Museum of London, London Wall, EC2 (0171-600 3699). Feb 20-23, 10.30am-3pm. Adults £3.50, children £1.75. Cinema Club: Cartoons and other children's favourites on half-term

Saturday and every weekend. The Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Every Saturday, Z.30. Adults E3, children £2.50, membership £4.

Drama And Crafts Workshop: Run by Stop the Clock Theatre. Includes movement, music and drama for five to seven-year-olds. Myths. Monsters and Masks for eight to ten-year-olds, BAC, Lavender Hill, BAC, Lavenaer Fill, Battersea, SWII (0171-223 2223), Feb 19-23. Mornings for the younger age group, afternoons for the older. £25.50 for whole week, concessions for children of unemployed/students.

Youth Dance Project: Learn to dance with the Aletta Collins Dance Company whatever your ability, for 12-year-olds upwards.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Kids Time: A three-day pro-

gramme for five to 12-year-olds with drama, arts, crafts, parachute

games, unihoc and video filming. Stoke Mandeville Community

Hall, Stoke Mandeville (01296

3.30pm. EIO a day or E6 half day.

Details of times and places (01296 555210). Feb 19-23 from

Aylesbury Grammar, Walton Street (01296 555210). Feb 19-23.

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dry ski slope, crazy golf, mountain bikes and more.

Warmwell Leisure Resort, near

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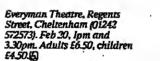
and farm park.

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Budding Snappers: Introduction to Black and White Photography and Printing, a two-day, non-residential workshop by the Royal Photographic Society in different venues around Bristol from February ary 19-20 for 11 to 16-year-olds. Price £26. Contact the RPS on 01225 462841. Not suitable for the



Tropical Delights Varied pro-gramme about birds, Wild Fowl and Wetlands Trust, Slimbridge, Gloucestershire (01453 Make Totem Poles using waste 890333). Feb 17-25. Different material. Eight-year-olds up-wards. The workshop will tour events on different days so ring first. Adults £4.70, children E2.35, under-fives free, family ticket (two adults and two villages in the north of the county. children) EII. 🔂

> HAMPSHIRE Beyond The North Wind: Puppet Beyond The North Wind: Pupper and story-telling show, Storybox Theatre, The Tower, Romsey Road, Winchester (01962 867886), Feb 11, 2pm. Adults E4, children E3.

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Pinocchio: Traditional family pantomime. The Playhouse, Beaumont, Oxford (01865 798600), Feb 20-24.

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The Theatre, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire (01608 642350). Feb 19-23 from 10am. Prices vary from £1.50 for an hour to £10 for a day, Booking advisable. (a) (but ring first).

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ding musicians. Suitable for five to

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WEST MIDLANDS

Rugby Day Camp Coaching: For eight to 16-year-olds, Non-residen-tial. Held at Sonton Coldfield Rugby Football Club. Organised by Sportsclass, 130a Oxford Road, Macclesfield (01625 618700). Feb 19-23. £69. Not suitable for the disabled.

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nouth (0191 224 0500). Weymouth (UI91 229 0500). 5150 for seven nights in one-bed-room lodges, sleeping up to four. (but ring first). GLOUCESTERSHIRE Mr Men In Music Land: Musical show for two to eight-year-olds.

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(01622 765400). February 17-25, 10am to 3pm. Adults £7.50, children £5. Family ticket £21 (two adults and two children). NORTHERN IRELAND

Rocky Road Show: Learn about Rocky Road Subr: Learn about rocks, crystals and fossils. Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens, Stranmillis Road, Belfast. (01232 381251). Feb 18 2-4pm, Feb 19 10am-noon and 2-4pm. Free. Something To Do On A Wet Sunday Afternoon: Children's show featuring circus skills.

The Courtyard Theatre, Doagh Road, Newtownabbey, near Belfast (01232 848287). Feb 18, 2.30pm. Adults and children £3.

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(c) A wether, from Afrikaans, Dutch hamel, German hammel a castrated ram. "Would your father have let me die rather than take a hamel from the flock of a rich, hazy Boer, who never counts his sheep?"

NANCY DAWSON

(a) A sailor's dance or song; later a nancy-boy. Nancy Dawson is a name for a molly, an effeminate youth, apathetic, etc. The original Nancy Dawson was a noted prostitute, on whom there is a song still current among. sailors *

Children's animal workshops will an underwater safari - walkways; be held on Feb 22-23 from pirate boat and rock pools. Ham to 3pm, £10 per child or £8 Deep Sea World, North Deep Sea Worta, Norta Queensferry, Fife (01383 411880). Open Monday-Friday from 10am-4pm. Saturday and Sunday from 10am-6pm. Adults £5.50, children £3.50. Family Ocket at £1505 far un to four for two or more children from the same family. Please book. Admission free. D (but ring first). Fantastic Mr For Roald Dahi's £1595 (for up to four children). "Fox versus the Farmers" chil-dren's tale.

Horsham Arts Centre, North Street, Horsham (01403 268689). The Official Loch Ness Monster: Exhibition with a walk-through set and giant videos of Nessie. Feb 20-24 at 1pm and 4.30pm. Adults and children £5.75. The Lochness Centre, The Locaness Centre, Drummadrochit, Invernesshire (0)456 450573). Open daily Dani-3.30pm: Adults E4, children E2.50. Under-sevens free. Family ticket (two adults and up WALES Arishop: Learn how to make candles, masks, puppers, or join, the "alternative orchestra" for bud-Family ticket (two adults and to three children) £10.30. eight-year-olds. Wyeside Arts Centre, Builth

Walk The Deck of Captain Scott's ship. The Discovery, and find out more about his remarkable ex-ploits at the turn of this century. Discovery Point, Discovery Quay, Dundee (01382 201245). Öpen daily from 10am-4pm. Adults £4, children £290.

(a) A small vehicle designed to carry passengers

in seats fitted as in a bus. A mongrel word created boringly from micro and bus. " This is a Volkswagen Microbus,' Sophy answered. No one had told me it looked as big as a trailer and that the span from ground to floorboard was well over three feet."

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(b) In Judo or Karate, the Japanese name for the grade given to the less proficient; and such a pupil. "Roger Young (Jesus), an American and 3rd kyu (learner grade) beat the Cambridge captain, a 1st dan (teacher grade) by two and a half points to nil." The whole nonsense is as barmy as the Eton Wall Game.

WILTSHIRE

Introduction to Black and White Photography and Printing: Non-residential two-day course for 11 to to-year-olds on location to-year-olds on location in Bradford-on-Avon from February 13-14 (see also Avon, above). Contact the Royal Photographic Society. The Octagon, Milsom Street, Bath (01225 462841). Price E20. Course is not suitable for the disabled.

YORKSHIRE

Jorvic Viking Festival: Learn how the Vikings made their jewellery and watch a longship regatta and ritual boat-burning ccremony. Events taking place in different parts of York. Details: 01904 643211. Feb 10-17. Most events free apart from craft gallery where jewellery is made. Adults 70p. children (5) (Some events)

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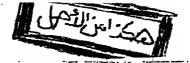


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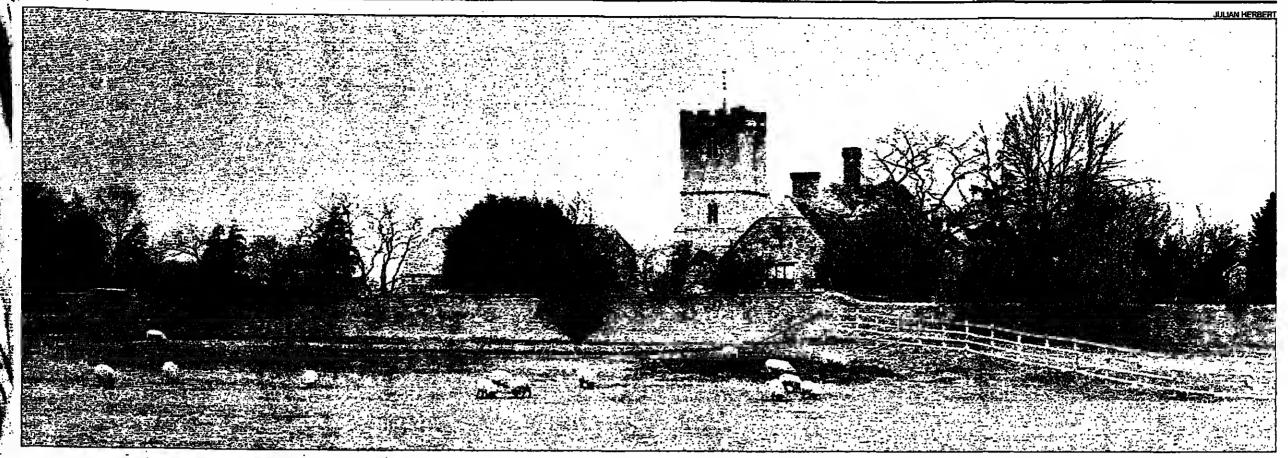
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Fields of dreams become a thousand village greens

Oliver Gillie on millennium plans to establish green havens all over Britain

lizabeth Soulsby came to Stanford in the Vale, an Oxfordshire village, by chance - and immediately fell in love. Sheep were grazing on a field in front of the church and the old manor house. It was the English rural idyll she had been searching for after spending years in Africa.

"I was struck by the beauty of the scene," says Mrs Soulsby, "and immediately felt that nothing must ever be allowed to spoil it."

She bought a house in the village, was elected to the parish council, and found that one of the first items on the agenda was how the parisb could buy the field in front of the church. The asking price, then E35,000, was beyond the resources of the parisb. Mrs Soulsby sought help and was referred to the Countryside Commission, which is hoping to set up a scheme with the Millennium Fund to establish 1,000 new greens in villages, towns and cities throughout the country.

Stanford in the Vale is a picturebook village with a 12th-century church and houses built of local stone - some of them thatched, others using local slate. It overlooks the Vale of White Horse, with the

White Horse. But Stanford in the Vale is not a community of retired people wanting to preserve the old at the expense of the new. As well as traditional stone houses, there are several hundred other dwellings built by the council before and after the war, many of which are now owner-occupied. The village owns a leisure field which is used primari-ly by the local football club, but

there is no cricket pitch. "We are in the middle of the most beautiful countryside but there is nowhere for children to play or for old people to sit and enjoy the sunshine on a summer day," Mrs

Soulsby says. But now it looks as if the field beside the church will soon belong to the village residents. It is one of 23 "millennium greens" established by the Countryside Commission as a pilot project. The Commission hopes to obtain support from the Millennium Fund to finance 1,000 before the year 2000. The Commissioo is providing half of the money and looks to other sources to provide the rest. A legal agreement will be made to protect the land for future generations. If the land were to be taken over for any other purpose, such as roads or housing. land wor



Top: the field in the Oxfordshire village of Stanford in the Vale that will soon beloog to residents Above: an industrial site in Dormanstown, Cleveland, will also benefit from a millennium green

Commission has agreed to provide balf the cost of buying and develop-ing the field. It will be improved by the planting of trees and a hedge. Seating will be installed at one end, where parents can wait before collecting their children from the primary school next door, and at the other end, next to the ancient manor wall, there is a raised area which might be used as a stage for plays or prize-givings.

pursuits, such as kicking a ball around with their children, playing cricket, throwing frisbees or flying kites.

Many of the millennium greens will be in densely populated city areas - some dominated by industry. Areas such as Dormanstown, near Redcar, Cleveland, which is situated midway between the former Dorman Long's steelworks (now British Steel) and ICI's Wilton

supposed to line the wide avenue roads were never planted. Now Redcar and Cleveland Bor-

ough Council is planning to create a millennium green on a space where old houses have been cleared. The site will be landscaped and planted with native trees, shrubs and wild flowers, which will oped for private housing in 1967. As defy the maze of pipework and chemical storage tanks a few hunrequired by the Town and Country Planning Act, the meadow was dred yards away. The green will provide a safe play area for destined to become the property of children and a gateway lo the proposed Cleveland community forest. Walking south from the green at Dormanstown, a hiker crosses

farmland soon to be forest and can Local people applied for the land to follow an old bridle track past Lazenby bank up to the Exton Hills, where there are views of the North Sea to the east. To the south there is open country leading to the North Yorkshire Moors - an area of wilderness stretching 25 miles to the ruins of Rievaulx Abbey in the south and Robin Hood's Bay in the east.

Whether or not millennium reens will become village greens in the legal sense will, it seems, be a matter for local people to decide. The law allows the greens to be used for agricultural shows for up to 12 days a year and, if the town or village has a right to have a market, they might also be used for stalls selling crafts. The land for several of the

millennium greens has been donat-ed by local authorities. However, these authorities sometimes don't want areas which they may intend to develop for housing to be tied up as village greens. It took Jim Briggs and his friends in Aldwick, near Bognor Regis, West Sussex, eight years to get a piece of land owned by Arun District Council registered as a village green. The land at Aldwick was a meadow left open when surrounding land was devel-

be recognised as a village green but were opposed by Arun Council, which wished to retain it as a realisable asset. After the first application failed, local people took advice from the Open Spaces Society and, in a second application four years later, evidence of 20 years leisure use of the meadow was accepted and it was registered as a village green.

The advantage of registration is that it confers certain rights of use for recreasion which do not alter with a change of ownership, and it reduces the chances of the land being used for building development. Some 33 new greens throughout England have been registered since 1990, when it became easier because a 20-year period had elapsed since the Commons Registration Act. Although most of the planned new greens will be only a few acres in size, it reverses the trend of the past 200-300 years, which has seen common land steadily enclosed by private owners.

The Countryside

Commission has an information pack for onyone interested in applying for funds for o millennium green. Write to: Millennium Greens, The Countryside Commission, 71 Kingsway, London WC2 BoST. Getting Greens Registered -

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road to the south. The area is steeped in history. According to the village. Wesser Chronicles, King Alfred rode his horse in the Western valley" - probably the valley of the

be provided elsewhere in the havens for birds, trees and hedge-The owner of the field, Hubert Howse, has brought down his price They are conceived as spaces where

row creatures, but most of all they will be havens for human beings. to £27,500, and the Countryside people will enjoy informal leisure many of the trees that were

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the 1920s as a garden city - a brave attempt to make the area attractive. But either the planners lost confidence, or ran out of money, because

Following administrative delays, however, it was not taken over by the council until 1987, by which time it had been used by residents for leisure purposes for 20 years. a guide to low and procedure, £9 inc p8p, is orailable from the Open Spaces Society, 25a Bell Street, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9 2BA.

SAILING: If you don't know an injector from an impeller, engine lessons may save your life

and some

Rescue for the mechanically challenged

f. like me, you go to sea to sail, to use the power of the wind and the tide, you probably regard the engine on your boat with a mixture of awe and trepidation.

Without it you can't get in and out of marinas; picking up moorings, especially in a tideway, can be challenging; and when the wind dies on you on a Sunday night and you are trying to get to work on Monday, you might just be-facing one of those embarrassing calls to the office. And, crucially, engines can help to get us out of trouble.

Despite the degree to which we depend on engines. many sailors - experienced ones at that - know little about them. You only bave to ask the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI). Its statistics for lifeboat call-outs reveal that 34 per cent of all launchings to sail and powered pleasure-craft result from simple me-chanical failure; and the proportion of those call-outs is increasing every year.

As long as we pay our dues to the AA or RAC, we can get away with almost total ignorance of what is going on under our car bonnet. But in the middle of the North Sea. it's just you, your spares and your engine.

As a former dinghy sailor with a distaste for mechanical matters, I needed an introduction to the diesel on my boat, Nutcracker. Having spent 5,000 on a new Yanmar three-cylinder during her refit last year, and a pile more having it put in, I had no lesire to wreck it through ignorance.

The Essex Sailing School in fishing boat Maylandsea, on the southern

shores of the Blackwater estuary, is among many schools offering Royal Yachting Association-recognised ooe-day diesel courses for recreational sailors. The school runs around six courses a year, usually for about six students

at a time, at £56 a head. Mike Tyrrell, the school's principal and an engineer, believes the course is imperative for anyone embarking on the RYA's navigation and general seamanship programmes, such as the Day Skipper certifi-cate. The aim is to give people an idea of their engine system, to avoid faults that they themselves have caused, to show which spare parts to carry and how to solve simple problems at sea - so avoiding the need to go to a worksbop or to call out a lifeboat.

n my day at the school there were two other "students", Anne and Malcolm Gilding, who have owned boats for years but, like so many of us, had found a long list of reasons to put off getting to know their heat

exchanger from their manifold It was an incident near their holiday home at Puerto Andratx in Majorca, where they keep their Llaud - a 21ft, double-ended traditional Spanish fishing boat - that finally persuaded them to go back to school. A young couple in a speedboat suffered engine failure within sight of land but,

Many lifeboat call-outs are for simple mechanical failure

engines.

Mr Gilding as he settled down to examine the school's demonstration engine block, complete with cut-away sections for ease of access and viewing. "But I'm glad we've got round to it. All our friends laughed when I said I was taking my wife on a diesel-engine course, unable to mend it themselves, were blown offshore and spent but I could be ill or have an three days at sea, suffering accident on the boat. I think severe dehydration, before the more Anne knows, the they were picked up by a better. Under Mr Tyrrell's tutelage.

"I've always put it off," said we spent a surprisingly inter-

minutes before you leave your mooring does them more harm than good? It's when you return after sailing that it should be left to tick over for a while before you turn it off. By the end of the day we

were talking about fine filters, injectors, the gallery, impellers and the governor. We even had tricky test questions such as: "If the thermostat is stuck in the closed position, what part of the engine would overheat first? Answer: the cylinder bead. Mrs Gilding admitted that

it was a lot more fun and easier to understand than she had expected. She also found it very useful. "I've always been a little wary about the engine. I used to think in the back of my mind that if it stopped, I wouldn't really know what to do. This has given me more confidence. Serious things can go wrong, but if it's just a hose

going or something simple, then we should be able to cope." The RYA hopes that more and more people will attend the courses, not only to cut down the number of lifeboat call-ouis to boats with often minor mechanical failure but to improve general standards

Unfortunately, though, it seems only the more conscienoous types are doing the course. As John Hart, for 15 years coxswain of the Barry Lifeboat, who helped to devise the course, put it: "The most irresponsible people who need instruction are the ones who don't do the course. There's no allowing for the lunatic few whatever courses you put to-

of oil in the engine, the fuel system and how to bleed it, the cooling system and the general

put to work immediately they

been quite comic - "behind Safeway", "in the garden of No 79". "near the Little Chef". This is no doubt because the hawthorn berries have already been largely stripped from the bushes by blackbirds and thrusbes in the countryside, whereas in towns many cotoneasters and privet berries are still to be had. I SAW a flock of six at Ware in Hertfordshire last week, and it might be useful if 1 indicate what to look out for. They are

tame, but they do lurk in the middle of hawthorns, rather than display themselves on the outside branches, so do peer into any berry-bearing tree. If you get so much as a glimpse of one, you will recognise it immediately. They are about as big as starlings and their head-crest is unmistakable. Sometimes, 1 noticed, it is

at other times it looks fluffy. They are pinkish birds, though they can seem quite dull in poor light. The head and crest often have a red glow, and the black eye-stripe and bib are conspicuous. The yellow and white marks on the wing are small, and the red

blob like sealing wax on the

wing is hard to see. But the

MUST say some more about the waxwing, for the irruption of these birds into the British Isles this winler has proved to be quite spectacular - the biggest for 30 years. Flocks of 100 or more have been recorded in many parts of Britain, besides numerous smaller flocks and single birds. They have been driven down from Scandinavia and northern Russia by the shortage of rowan berries.

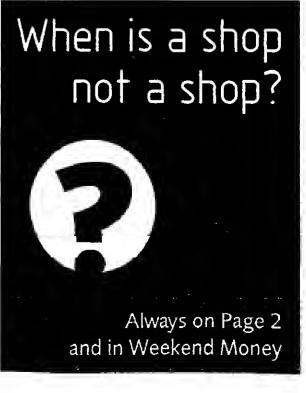
Most of them have been Waxwings catch snowflakes

> yellow tip to the tail looks golden when the sun shines through it. All the members of the flock sit quietly together in the bushes; then there is a flurry of berry-snatching, after which they all subside again. I

saw a pair sitting side by side like doves, even touching bills once. Their thin trill is distinctive, but not ear-catching. They eas snow, and have even been seen flying out to pick up a falling snowllake in the air.

In flight, their grey rumps are conspicuous. They are said to fly like starlings, but their undulations reminded me more of great spotted woodpeckers. They are still around everywhere, but on the move.

DERWENT MAY • What's about: Birders – listen for the song af the chaffinch in wooded gardens and parks. Twitchers – a pine bunning at Halesowen, West Midlands: a long-billed dowitcher at Copperhouse Creek, Carnwall. Details from Birdline (89) 700222. Calls for Birdline (89) 700222. Calls cost 40p a minute cheap rate, 50p at all other times.





Feather report

Beware the invasion

of the berry snatchers

seen in town gardens or in hawthorn hedges on suburban waste ground. The reports of them on the Birdline telephone service (see below) have

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RYA-recognised engine courses, contact Jane Keohane at the RYA on 01703 627454. Similar leading engine manufacturers. including Volvo Penta (01923 228544): Perkins (01733 582408);

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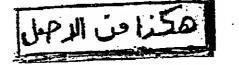
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esting day getting to grips with

Did you know, for example, (I didn't) that diesels are best

the suck, squeeze, bang, blow" cycle of the diesel en-EDWARD GORMAN gine, the mysteries of direct or indirect injection, the vital role

sleeked back like a wedge, but



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ROMANTIC PARIS: When all's right with the world, the French capital has never been easier to reach

WHERE once air travel was sophisticated, it is now uncivilised. Delays and stress come with the plane ticket. Thus, when travelling to Paris, its seems sensible to leave the roaring, drinking. toy donkey-buying populace trapped in a holding pattern above Heathrow. and take the train instead.

The Eurostar train is psychologically far less damaging than dealing with airports and ferries. There are no queues. since passports are usually checked on the train. A weekend in Paris or Brussels

has suddenly become no different, in terms of travel, from one in Yorkshire or Cornwall. The British now slip under the Channel to see major exhibitions before they come to London, or enjoy lowerpriced Paris opera tickets.

The Eurostar takes three hours to Paris, and the plane 45 minutes. But if you add an hour to Heathrow by Tube. checking in, the hassle of retrieving luggage and escaping the satellites at Charles de Gaulle airport, as well as the trip in to central Paris, it is more like four.

The cheapest weekend Eurostar ticket is £59 return. £69 If you travel on a Friday, and there is no requirement to book a fortnight ahead. This compares

with £69 on British Airways if you book ahead, plus an airport tax of £7, plus £20 for a taxi from Charles de Gaulle.

When you rise from the scrum beneath Waterloo station into the Eurostar terminal, it is a different world. The sharknosed TGV trains are grey, with a yellow

livery stripe. Staff in yellow and blue suits greet you in your preferred language, and help to put your bags on the train. There is a

French-style café, a bureau de change and trolleys which fit on the

passengers. Normally, many of the trains are half empty, giving one a feeling of value for money.

class, at £220 return, you get a fine meal on real china featuring salmon and Belgian chocolates - but those in standard class are sadly disappointed.

Fantastes of a warm tarte aix poireaux. (leek quicke) or even steak frites and a nice glass of Burgundy are croshed. The efforts of Gardner Merchant, the mass catering company, are no better than

British Rail's. The croque monsieur. ordered with great anticipation, is rather dull and soggy. The wine comes in those teeny bottles, and it seems rude to order timee at once.

The journey through the Tunnel itself takes 20 minutes and then the train manager announces. "We are now in France. The train is about to reach its full speed of 300kmph." The slight to the laggardly British is clear.

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Happy returns in the city of light

seldom reveal domestic inomacies but all that

follows has a direct relevance. A short time ago my partner, Mary, turned 40. Albeit fresh and frolicsome. there was no denying a personality in trauma. By way of antidote, I planned a wild, romanoc extravaganza, a blissful memory to comfort her on the slide to senility.

I chose Paris as a city of happy associations, superb food (culinary delights take precedence after a certain age) and with a new high-speed rail link to invoke the age of civilised travel.

We made a good start. Almost. The gleaming symbol of Anglo-French technology pulled out of Waterloo on time - stopped, and pulled back in again. A power failure, apparently. We finally got under way half an hour later. It was then that the "purser" (very 'posh, these trains) came on the Tannoy to announce an industrial dispute in Paris which, for reasons that were never entirely clear, prevented firstclass passengers from enjoying a full breakfast menu. Instead, we were served with a selection of what tasted like cardboard cutouts of the food we might have enjoyed if the

caterers had been working normally.

However, the journey itself was an unqualified success. A smooth and speedy excursion across the fields of southern England and northern France with a 25-minute bit in the middle which has passengers staring out into a subterranean blackness. The Channel Tunnel has nothing to show but you can't help looking at it in wonderment.

A taxi from the Gard du Nord took us to the Hôtel de Crillon on the Place de la Concorde. For the uninitiated, this is no ordinary lodging house. Other hotels may match the Crillon for sheer luxury but few, if any, can aspire to its style. The only first-class hotel in Paris still under family control, it extols imperial splendour with its palatial 18th-century façade and high-ceilinged rooms stuffed with gold-painted. twiddly furniture. Modesty forbids me to specify the dimensions of our suite; suffice to say the grand plano in the corner did not look out of

The front view of the hotel. over the Place de la Concorde, has to be one of the finest cityscapes in Europe. The far

National Assembly. Far to the left is the Pantheon, Notre Dame and the Louvre. To the right, the gold dome of Les Invalides shines like a hearon. cliches. while a little further on the tory is the ame fr Tower. At night the scene breaks up into a riot of illumination with vehicles racing all ways across the square, the pleasure boats passing sedately along the Seine and the famous landmarks picked out in incandescent glory. With supper booked for Les Ambassadeurs, the grandest of the Hôtel de Crillon's two restaurants, we settled for a light lunch (if such a thing is to be had in Paris) at the Bofinger on the rue de la Bastille. We took the pretty route, a halfhour walk through little streets lined with galleries

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prices. It-was a reminder that Paris is still the natural home for artists. They have here a market for paintings that is not restricted to chocolate-box Parading as the oldest bras-

takes some beating) the pictures, many from Picasso's collection, reflect the full range of his imagination. The gallery is a beautifully covered 17thcentury town mansion, as impressive in its own way as the treasures it contains.

conversations.

out of business or politics, dining with elegant women half their age. The price of wine did not figure in their The memory of a superb

meal remained strong well into the next day when we to rebuild the appe

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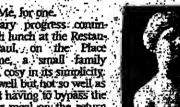
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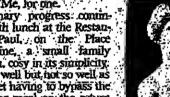
in London, who would dare

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Venus de Milo, one of the

Louvre's many treasures







At night the Place de la Concorde breaks up into a riot of illumination with vehicles racing across the square. In the background the Eiffel Tower is picked out in incandescent glory selling pictures at affordable

euros escalators.

In its initial stages, the service was shaky, but now 85 per cent of trains run on time. The Eurostar had its busiest weekend so far during the France-Scotland rugby international, with 17,500

The food is the only let-down. In first



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be a tourist trap. But the bubbling atmosphere overcomes the confusion of accents, and fruits de mer or choucroute, the two favourite dishes, taste all the better for serving under a splendid Art Deco glass dome.

The afternoon was handed over to culture. With time at a premium we avoided the big ouseums in favour of the easily manageable Musée National Picasso on the rue de Thorigny. While not the most outstanding of galleries devoted to a single artist (the Van Gogh museum in Amsterdam

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nd so back to the Hotel de Crillon and the feast of Les Ambassadeurs. While Mary fixed on the foie gras (served warm), a sensitive stion led me to the lobster salad. We both followed with lapin, as soft and delectable as the accompanying mustard sauce: The wine was a problem. I looked towards a vin-

tage of Mary's year of birth but the 1955 Chateau Cheval Blanc St Emilion cost more than £600. There had to be a limit and this was it. Another stab at the wine list produced a

1989 Margaux at a figure some way short of a remortgage. The ambience was formal but not inhibiting. Among the other bill-payers were several sleek, grey-haired men, who looked as if they had done well

THERE are more than 1.400 hotels to choose from in Paris. Many are delightful, others morbid. Here is a list of tried-and-tested favourites, and not too expensive. The emphasis is on charm and comfort, and the hotels include some of the most romantic nooks the city has to offer, though the cheapest are necessarily rather basic. Now is a good time to go, because many hotels are offering discounts.

 Prices, given in francs, are per room per night based on two people sharing. As Weekend goes to press, the exchange rate is Fr7.57 = £1.

 PRIZE COLLECTION If a single reservations number can suit almost any Paris hotel needs, it is Compagnie Generale Imobilier et de Service's toll-free central reservations number, 0800 895 950, for their 28 hotels (from two to four stars). Their excellence and charm are exceptions to the customary rule that company-run ho-

tels lack personality and flair. At the top of the range is the superbly manorial Parc Victor Hugo, Avenue Raymond-Poincaré, 16e: five stately buildings around a courtyard near the Trocadero, renovated in a "British" style under the direction of Nina Campbell. It is the workplace of Joël Robuchon, France's most sought-after

and admired chef. From Fr2,300. The beautifully decorated Baltimore, between the Etoile and Trocadero on Avenue Kleber, 16e, is handily poised above the Boissiere Métro station. It must appeal even to Euro-sceptics: its restaurant, Bertie's, offers only British food. From Fri.990.

The Castille in Rue Cambon, ler, has an Italian flavour and offers access to the Ritz's health centre. From Fr2,300. CGIS's 18 Libertel establishments two or three-star hotels - are similarly brilliant at their own level. They include the Bellechasse (from Fr910), near the Orsay museum, the Grand Turenne (from Fr840) in the Marais, the Moolin (from Fr810) in Pigalle and the chintzily

journey. This was because the Eurostar meal was medible. with a brisk walk along the Champs-Elysées. It is always a joy but particularly on a though the champagne aperi-Sunday morning when the tif was welcome. We were left traffic is light and there is : with the feeling that second more opportunity to stand and class without free meals was stare. A truly diverting sight better value. was the gloriously politically

Back at Waterloo, we walked out into the drizzle. There was a long queue at the taxi rank and no taxis: Happy_ birthday.-, Mary, and welcome home.

BARRY TURNER

Paris: fact file

The author was assisted by Relais & Chateaux (0171-287 0987; fax Hotel de Crillon, 10 place de la Concorde, 75006 Paris. There are

120 rooms and 43 suites. Rates per night for double/twin room: Fr3.20 (E426) to Fr4.100 (E546). Rates per night for sinile: Fr4.900 (E653) to Fr32.500 (E4.330). Breakfast is from Fr155 (E20) to Fr230 (E30). For reservations contaict the Hotel Crillon (00 331-44 71 15 0); fac: 00 331 44 71 15 03), or Relais & Châteaux on the number above.

> building in a quiet alley near the Seine. Fr990-Fr1470. Terrass' Hôtel: 12-14 Rue Joseph de Maistre, 18e (46 06 72 85). Overlooking Montmartre cemetery. The roof-terrace restaurant has a terrific view over Paris. Fr930-Fr1.230. Saint Grégoire: 43 Rue de l'Abbé-Grégoire: 6e (45 48 23 23). Near Montparnasse, it has a yellow and pink decor, nice old furniture, with breakfasts in a vaulted cellar. Pr760-Fr890. Grands Hommes: 17 Place du Panthéon, 5e (46 34 19 60). The birthplace of

Surrealism, comfortable and friendly. Opposite the Pantheon. Fr635-Fr760. Hôtel de la Bretonnerie: 27 Rue Sainte-Croix-de-la-Bretonnerie, 4e (48 87 77 63; fax 42 77 26-78). Enthusiastically run in a 17th-century building between the Pompidou Centre and the Marais. Most rooms big, some with beams. Fr620-Fr730.

CHEAP BUT CHEERFUL

Esméralda: 4 Rue St-Julien-le-Pauvre, 5e (43 54 19 20). The owner of this quaint little loth century place is a painter, sculptor and writer. Some rooms have views of Notre Dame. Fr450-Fr490.

Prima Lepic: 29 Rue Lepic, 18e (46 06 44 64). Welcoming family run hotel in the market street of Montmartre. Breakfast in a trompe-l'oeil orangery. Fr350-Fr400.

Nesle: 7 Roe de Nesle, 6e (43 54 62 41). Exotic decor. and urban farmyard. Cash only - up front. Fr260-Fr320.

BASIC BARGAINS Hotel des Arts: 7 Cité Bergère, 9e. Wellrun and friendly, in a quiet alley with other good cheap hotels, Fr325-Fr380.

Pratic Hôtel: 20, Rue de l'Ingénieur Keller, 15e. Clean, friendly hotel near the Eiffel Tower. Fr225-430.

idéal: 3 Rue des Trois-Frères, 18e (46 06 63 63). Clean bargain close to the Sacré-Coeur funicular, Fri25-Fr250.

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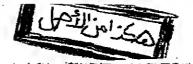
Victorianised Terminus Nord, which offers huge rooms at relatively small prices (Fr500-Fr675), right beside Eurostar's Paris terminal.

□ IDIOSYNCRATIC CHARM The Hôtel du Jeu de Paume: 5 Rue St Louis-en-l'Ile (43 26 14 18, fax 40 46 02 76). A stunning discovery in what was the royal tennis court on the Isle St.

Saint-Merry: 78, Rue de la Verrerie, 4e (42 78 14 15; fax 40.29 66 82). A gothic riot, installed in the presbytery of the Eglise St-Merri and fitted out in darkly ecclesiastical style. Fr400-Fr950. Vieux Paris: 9 Rue Git-le Coeur, 6e (43 54 41 66; 43 26 00 15). Louis XI Left Bank

Louis: a miracle of glass, timbers and hanging galleries. The rooms (from Fr795) are light, airy and delightful.





TRAVEL

... a second honeymoon in a north Devon hotel; and the smart way to score romantic Brownie points

nd my -Rewritten version of bride's bed revisited

Highbullen Ho-tel in 1976 1976 through a haze of champagne and confetti. Our memories are of a warm, red room, acres of wood panelling, a big, brass bed and feeling slightly miffed at being asked not to smoke in the restaurant. Wrapped up in the brand-new sensation of being married, we delighted in good food and wine, scarcely noticed the sporting facilities on offer, and elt pleasantly marconed by the floods that beset north Devon that year.

It was raining again when we revisited the botel in Chittlehamholt last summer, this time with children in tow.

It is always a little nerveracking returning to a place you remember with affection. Perhaps our recollections were distorted by honeymoon happiness. Perhaps this was not. the right place to bring child-ren: after all the hotel does stipulate "No children under

We need not have worried on either count. If anything. Highbullen has improved. A. Victorian Gothic mansion full of turrets and towers, it stands in a parkland estate dotted with cottages, farms, and lodges, most of which have been converted into additional guest bedrooms. Just over a year ago Highbullen acquired 85 acres of ancient woodland inhabited by wild red and roe deer. foxes and badgers. Another recent addition is an 18-mile stretch of fishing rights along the banks of the River Mole. A second restaurant added in the 1980s juts out over a wooded valley and the views, especially at sunset, are magnificent. Pious former-

of whom are now closely involved with the running of the hotel.

Mrs Neil, a devotee of auctions since the 1940s, has furnished many rooms ar Highbullen with her "finds". The vast, ornate Victorian mahogany bed in our room cost £13 in the 1950s and the pale green, tasselled velvet curtains were a mere E3. Mrs Neil uses antique textiles she has collected to make curtains and lampshades for the bedrooms. She dries her own flowers, and every nook and cranny of the hotel is filled with dried arrangements and, in season, vases of fresh sweet peas ; and roses from the garden.

On our honeymoon we rarely emerged from our comfortable cocoon. A bracing tenmile walk in pouring rain to Barnstaple (and the return trip the back of a haystrewn

A honeymoon bedroom: furnished with antiques



Highbullen Hotel: a Victorian Gothic mansion set in a parkland estate dotted with cottages, farms and lodges

professional is available for lessons, the attitude towards golf at Highbullen is pleasant-ly laid-back. The Neils were happy for Helen to try to hit a ball around a few holes, an idea that would cause apoplexy at most Home Counties golf clubs. One elderly pair of ladies only plays golf during their annual visit to the hotel because they feel it's the one course where they will not be sneered at or patronised. his relaxed attitude

permeates the atmosphere at Highbullen. When the sun shines guests can eat the very good. inexpensive bar snacks (sal-ads, sandwiches, lasagne etc) in a pretty, flower-filled courtyard. Dinner is an informal affair, so a tie and jacket are not essential. The food is was our only to achieve his ambit thrash his father on the tennis pleasant (Delia Smith once court. Croquet on the lawn. worked in the kitchen), and such a genteel game when played by other families, our son declared the meringue filled with clotted cream one of proved a great hit with our the best dishes he has tasted in offspring who revelled in sendmonths - but the menu is not aimed at anyone counting calories or cholesterol. Many ing opponents's balls plummeting down the hillside. Rain did not deter the more of the main courses are served in rich sauces, vegetables come smothered in butter and intrepid guests from taking full advantage of Highbullen's offer of unlimited free golf on the nine-hole course (18 holes the dessert list is sinful. If asked, the staff were always from this spring). Although a willing to leave out the butter

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or sauces and to produce fruit salads and low-fat milk, but f did wonder if I was the only person among so many sporting types who was worried about healthy eating. The emphasis at Highbullen is on comfort rather than frills. It is full of unexpected pleasures such as the well-stocked library, the bubbling spa bath and a room devoted to billiards. Although the bathrooms had few of the small luxuries normally associated with four or five-star

hotels, the overall effect is of a large, rambling, pleasant and comfortable country house. If we were not able to recapture fully the delightful

Highbullen Hotel, Chittlehamholt, Umberleigh, North Devon EX37 9HD (01769 540561).

• The Driver family were guests of Crystal Premier Britain (0181-390 SSL3) which offers breaks at the hotel from £47.50 per person per night for dinner, bed and breakfast.

anniversary.

self-indulgence and content-ment we had enjoyed as newly

weds, this was due to family

demands, not the hotel. We are

currently hatching plans to

farm the children out for a

weekend so we can return to Highbullen on our own. Per-

haps in time for our 20th

SARA DRIVER

VALENTINE GETAWAYS

IF HUGGY-BUN really loves Pooh-Bear and wants to demonstrate the fact on Valentine's Day, that loving message in the classified ads ought to be backed up with a weekend somewhere romantic. Romantic locations are plentiful and a phone call to one of the following places could provide a bonus - hugs and kisseswise - in the weeks to come. Prices are the lowest available for a weekend (two nights)bed and breakfast, per person, unless otherwise stated.

The Cotswolds have many romantic corners, and candlelit dinners are just one feature of a romantic weekend at the Lygon Arms in Broadway (01386 852255, £225 with dinner and a bottle of cham-pagne). Other attractions include a country club with pool and solarium.

The north Norfolk coast is full of romantic locations, from splendid towns such as King's Lynn, to pretty villages such as Wells-next-the-Sea and historic Walsingham. It can be breezy, so wrap up well and book in at the warm and hospitable Congham Hall (01485 600250, £170 with dinner), an elegant Georgian house in Hillington now con-verted into a first-class hotel.

MOVING north, the Gulf Stream warms Portpatrick in Wigtownshire, on the west coast of Scotland, where the small but perfect Knockinaam Lodge (01776 810471, £125 with dinner) has sub-tropical gardens, a Michelin-rosetted restaurant, and a programme of

champagne tastings. All right for some, but what about people with children? No problem if you book in for a romantic weekend at **Calcot** Manor (01666 890391. EJ30 with dinner), a charming manor-house hotel near Tetbury in Gloucester. This hotel will look after the children while you and the Flopsy Bunny relax in one of two fine restaurants.

Other hotels offering child care include Woolley Grange (01225 864705, 697), close to ever-romantic Bath, and Ockenden Manor (01444 416111, E138 with dinner), in the ancient village of Cuckfield in West Sussex, from where adventurous lovers can take their partners ballooning, just to give the weekend a lift.

Romantic weekends require romantic locations, so cities such as York should do well. especially for those who stay at Middlethorpe Hall (01904 641241, El88 with dinner) a splendid hotel set in a William

and Mary mansion. London has plenty of corners and can be explored at eisure from small, centrally located hotels such as the Athenaeum (0800 964470, EI80) - anyone who proposes while dining in the restaurant on Valentine's Day and then marries that person can have a free honeymoon stay - or Dukes Hotel in St James's 0171-491 4840, £180), close to the splendours of Royal London ... and the Knights-bridge shopping area.

Finally, try one of the follow ing: Llangoed Hall (01874 754525, £170 with dinner; Feb 14, £60 double room B&B) near Hay on Wye; the Maes y Neuadd Hotel (01766 780200 £130 with dinner) near Harlech in Snowdonia; the Well House (01579 342001, £144) at St Keyne, near Liskard in Cornwall: Johnstounburn House (01875 833696, £130) at Humbie in East Lothian; and the Manor Hotel (01308 897616, £100 with dinner) at West Bexington on the Dorset coast. All these places offer a warm welcome, good food, attentive staff and a romantic atmosphere. After that it is up to you; most lovers would orefer it that way.

ROBIN NEILLANDS

Rendezvous, page 9



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edly endorse the restaurant's no-smoking policy.

As soon as we saw the abundance of other families with adolescent and teenage children, we relaxed. High-bullen is an informal, familyrun hotel. Hugh and Pam Neil first came across the house in 1963 -- "a ridiculous place full of bats and broken windows, no water and a decrepit gener-ator" - and moved in with their two small children, both

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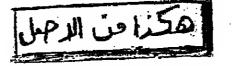
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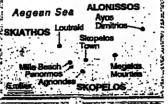
Blessed by the god of holidays

n day one I tangled with a jellyfish. On day two I trod on a sea urchin. On day three ... It was time to strike a deal with whichever Greek god it is that protects Alonnisos, the least known and least developed of the northern Sporades. "Enough, enough," t cried: "You start looking after me properly and I promise to write only nice things about your island." At that precise moment, however, I was in no position to negotiate. I was treading the crystal clear waters of the Aegean, some 15m off the beautiful beach of Megalo Mourtia, staring desperately into the blue, blue depths which had just claimed my wedding ring.

One moment of energetic, showing-off front crawl it was there, the next - gone. Miserably I turned towards the beach - not waving, nor indeed drowning, but certainly. heading towards divorce.

But fair's fair, the old god made good. Less than five minutes later a passing Norwegian snorkeller surfaced, spluttering the Norwegian for "is this it?"

And from that moment on. Alonnisos and I got on ... well, swimmingly is not the right word. but certainly very well. For it, too. has known serial misfortune. In 1950 its vines were devastated by disease: in 1965 its main village was destroyed by an earthquake and in recent years large tracts of its exquisite pine forests have been laid waste by fire. Bul houses can be rebuilt, mainland wines bought in and enough trees survive to make Alonnisos a relaxing stop-off point on a tour of the sometimeshectic Sporades.





For the first week we stayed in a hillside villa on the outskirts of Old Alonnisos, with spectacular 180degree views towards the uninhabited island of Peristéra in one direction and the distant, purple hills of Evvia in the other. And yes, old Alonnisos is the town that was destroyed by the earthquake.

One man's disaster is another man's opportunity and while the original inhabitants were quickly rehoused in the island's main port. Patitiri, the shells of their oncebeautiful houses in old Alonnisos were snapped up by bargain-seeking foreigners. And beautiful many of them are once again, although now they are uwned by English, Germans, Italians and even the odd American. The beautifying process, by the way, continues apace and during the day the air can echo to the sound of electric saws and power drills. It's not a





Skopelos has more restaurants, beaches and people - but is more expensive - than other towns on the northern Sporades coastline.

problem, you just go the beach. The end results of all this relatively recent toil can come as a pleasant surprise to those whose idea of an island holiday home is simply white-washed walls and a stone floor. Ours, for instance, kept with tradition outside but inside the boundary wall boasted four glorious sun terraces and a wellequipped kitchen that made eating in a real possibility. When you re facing the third chicken souvlaki in as many days, that can be a comforting thought.

Not to be outdone by the incomers, the local authority has also embarked on a programme of improvements and is setting quite a

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pace. In the week we were resident about half the island's dirt roads were tarred for the first time. Such progress is probably anathema to those who have been driven to Alonnisos - first from Skiathos and then from neighbouring Skopelos - by the search for peace and quiet. But it makes life a lot easier for the casual visitor.

> he tracks that descend from the main road running along the islands mountainous spine are

very steep in places and not ideally suited to mopeds. Although you can reach most of the beaches by calque from Patitiri, further exploration

prises. Driving north to Ayos Dimitrios, in search of what the

latest edition of the Rough Guide described as "real solitude", we found a strip of perfect white shingle, a line of perfectly arranged beach umbrellas and a bar playing contemporary dance music. We

loved it - much more fun than

solitude. In search of more of the same we spent our second week on: Skopelos, less than an hour away by Flying Dolphin hydrofoil. The change was instantly apparent ---more restaurants, more beaches and a lot more people. It took getting used to. As did some of the prices - the early evening views from the fishing village of Agnodas are wonderful but it is the moment you work out that the fish you have ust-ordered has cost E30 that ingers in the memory. However, there are ways of escaping the crowds. First, you can Getting there

The author was a guest of the Greek Islands Club (01932 220477). On Alomnisos he stayed at Evros House, which sleeps up to four but for two people costs from £905 per pers a week in jow seasoo to £1.224 in high season, including flights transfers, maid service and car hire. On Skopelos he stayed a lennie's House, which can sleep up to six but for two people costs from E943 per person per week in low season to £1.348 in high season. Greek Islands Club's spring
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opportunity to create your own private enclave. Ours - an exquisite building with a high-ceilinged main room resembling an artist's shudio — was in the middle of its own olive grove, an oasis of tranquillity just five minutes moped ride from Skopelos Town. A tranquil oasis that is, as long as you didn't mind the sound of dogs. cockerels and an unhappy mule.

An alternative route to peace and quiet is to hire a boat at Panormos and motor slowly northwards along the coastline. Just past the vast pebble beach of Milia, you reach Hovolo, where a succession of inlets not accessible by land just about guarantees you a private beach. The only problem is that when you find paradise, you want to stay there. So remember to take a picnic. We didn't, so headed north to Louiraki and lunch.

The island's well-maintained road network offers another means of escape, particularly if you don't mind bumping the last couple of miles to the wilder, rockier northeast coast. But there is escape and escape and, when the street theatre of the harbour-side promenade got. too much, we headed up the steep. narrow streets towards the Castro, a ruined Venetian fortress. History was not our aim. Happiness, we had discovered; was a café called Vrahos, a barman who knew his cocktails and a waiter who liked modern jazz. And probably the best view on the island,

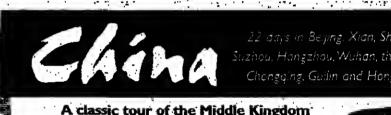
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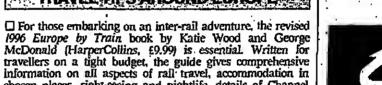
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really does require a car. Ours came with the villa and allowed us to explore several of the beaches along the island's eastern coastline. Although they don't quite measure up to Skopelos and Skiathos (you don't really find sand on Alonnisos) the water is very clean and there are far fewer people about. But again the pace of change means you should be prepared for sur-

rent one of the growing number of. superior villas, which give you the

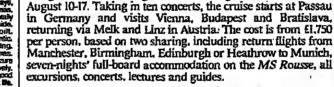


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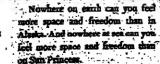


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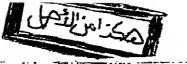
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.. and once there, Ginny Dougary sees her spouse in a pleasing new light; plus where to find fine food

How my husband became a Euro-hero

Keep Paris in the springtime: autumn is the business

been anticipating the short, sharp thrill of romance, not the bug-eyed hanl of a flight to New York. It had been more than a year since my husband and I last had a break from the rollercoaster demands of family life. A cupidinous recharge was long overdue. For months we had been looking forward to our midweek break in Paris, now only three hours away from London by Eurostar. In theory

Half an hour out of Waterloo our zippy, new, high-speed train stopped in its tracks: As the minutes, and then the hours creaked by, it became increasingly clear that the minor technical hitch was a major electrical blow-out: we seemed destined to spend our romantic break in south Croydon. Our dinner could not be served because there was no

power to heat it. The dinky pink pseudo-Deco lamps were the first to go, followed by the neon strip above them, then the emergency lights dimmed and faded; one by one, until we were plunged into darkness.

As the next train for Paris whizzed by, ours limped back to London past those names which resonate with romance: Bromley South, Beckenham Junction, Penge East and Brixton. At ten o'clock, we drew into Waterloo, It had taken us four hours to get back to where we had started.

When we finally arrived in Paris, it was three in the morning. As we filed down to the taxi rank, it was painfully evident that the Gallic cabbies had not been warned about our late arrival. There was not a taxi in sight. My husband took charge, leading the troops into the deserted streets around the Gare du Nord. Had he not done so, we might have stood there; dazed and befuddled, until dawn. My hubby, the Euro-hero. This, at least, was good for romance. . The Hotel de Vigny, whose staff greeted us sympathetically at 4am, proved equally restorative, and after six hours' sleep, the world seemed

ers, babies and grannies, all The Hotel de Vigny, like the wearing hairbands. And a sprawing circle of low-lifers: a Musée Marmottan, is small in size and huge in its pleasures. navy-blazered drunk who per-This sort of discreet opulence is perfect for engendering the formed an operatic duet with Mustafa, the kiosk-owner sense of a dangerous liaison. ("Oh merde, j'ai soif" The antique chandeliers, the Attends. Jarrive'), a huge mirrors, the salle de bain in man with an aubergine face, cinnamon marble, the plump cowboy hat and anoralc, a very ranks of snowy pillows in the bouldoir off the little living room lined with old books by old man, his grizzled head swaddled in a Breton sweater and a Josephine Baker illustrious authors, all seduclookalike who nibbled her tively conspire to make one chicken leg with an air of detached refinement. feel mistressy and illicit. It was a delicious but noisy langorous well-being was not experience, tucking into sautéed potatoes flecked with herbs, a salad and

The omelette, red wine plump served in Fanta ranks of beakers, under the clear blue skies; the pillows members of the dog club yelling at their pekes, poo-dles and labradors. in the boudoir On to the Empire-style mansion of the Musee make one Marmottan on rue feel Louis-Bouilly, a short walk from Musiafa's klosk mistressy There is something and illicit particularly beguiling about a small

museum. The Muoff we went for our see Rodin, the Dulwich Picture 10.30pm sitting. lt is a pretty restaurant.

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where we spent the next morning tramping, was a disappointment. Too many American tourists and bolshy guards and not enough overgrown ruins. We searched, in vain, for the monuments to Héloise and Abélard (the amants célébres). The directions to the graves of Simone Signoret and Oscar Wilde had been obliterated by the tracing of millions of fingers over the years. There was a gratifyingly macabre monolith with a frieze of laughing skulls and a touching display of fresh flowers in front of Rossini's resting place. We did find ourselves in front of the tomb of James Douglas Morrison (1943-1971), which now requires the pres-ence of two fulltime guards "parce que les gens ne respecient pas". One of the tributes was a scrap of paper with the words "Hello, I Love You - A poem." I toyed with the idea of leaving my poem, Light My Fire, but thought better of it. We had our last meal in

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to last. We had

asked the charm-

ing hotel manager

to suggest a "hot"

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Yvan, off the

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ous recommendaa wonderfully old-fashioned restaurant, in what is becomtion for a couple who like to eat. And you would be ing the mega-trendy new quartier of Paris. The Bastille right. But it was ate and we were is now being stormed by 1960s still recovering design shops and off-the-wall from Eurostar, so galleries

Frankly, 1 am beginning to worry about my husband. He chose to eat calves brains for Rather too pretty. Yvan is so lunch. And on our slow meanfull of extravagantly perfumed displays of flowers and eyeder back to the station he was captivated by the displays of dazzling paintings of fruit and marble busts that one's senses offal in the charcuteries. "Will you look at that?" he said in front of one spectacular array are overloaded. You feel exof pigs' heads, "What a beauti-Before you start. We waited ful sight." Well, they do say Paris for half an hour before we brings out the romantic in you. were seated, by which time the .



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RESTAURANTS THE frustration of cating out in Paris is trying to eat more than three meals a day. Breakfast. though, is the best time to visit Les Deux Magots Café Flore, the landmark cafes of St-Germain, Before tourists wercrowd the terraces, you will the find regulars, there for the pleasure of "la corbeille du boulanger". scellent coffee and p orange. Conve Conveniently close to the Etoile and the Arc de Triomphe is the latest stylish adjunct to the Guy Savoy stable, Cap Vernet, at 82 avenue Marceau, (47 20 20 40). The cooking is quick and precise and the bill about Fr200-250 a head After a romantic stroll from Nôtre-Dame over the slands in the Seine, try Au Gourmet de l'Isle, at 42 rue St-Louis-en-l'Ile, (43 26 79 27). This is

entially Parisian. the food is staightforward and traditional, and the bill could be less than Fr150 each. A quieter alternative in the same street is Le

Monde des Chimères, at number 69 (43 54 45 27). typical of old Paris. The cooking is familial but fastidious and one's bill about Fr300. In the delightful Marais square, the Place de Vosges, La Guirlande de Julie at nomber 25 (48 87 94 07) has its terrace under the areades. It has come ownership with the Tour d'Argent (15-17, quai de la Tournelle, 43 54 23 31) which charges astronomically for its unrivalled view of Notre Dame and dishes that have been classics for decades. At La Guirlande the cooking is lighter, more modern and more affordable, about

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Fr225 For a big brasserie try Bofinger, 3-7 rue de la Bastille, (42 72 87 82), full of copper and mirrors and waiters oegotiating a tricky staircase with incredibly heavy-laden trays held boldly aloft. About Fr200 a head. lo Montmartre the best address is A. Beauvilliers at 52 rue Lamarck, a period piece serving distinguished cooking. The cost, though, is likely to be at least Fr500. Le Café Marly (49 26

06 60) at 93 rue de Rivoli. overlooks the Louvre's Cour Napoléon. It is usually can be slow. About Fr250. Even more distinguished is Les Monuments in the Trucadero (44 05 90 00). The food is fine, about Fr350 a head, and the view is temific

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the springtime. As far as I am concerned, autunn is the business. We hit the Bois de Boulogne, where lovers walk as the russet leaves tumble out of the sky. Across the Champs-Elysées and a promenade down the grand Avenue Foch, where the poorest countries boast the most opulent, honeycoloured embassies, and everywhere there is something to please the eye. The scalloped roads, the trees sprouting out of their filigree doilies, the wrought-iron fences.

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The park itself was in full autumnal bloom. The smokeygreen depths of the lake emerging from the amber foliage; the purple-leaved trees. with their bright orange berries like Christmas lights. A handsome man rowing past gave a wicked smile. All of which is rather good for the senses, if not the soul.

Best of all was lunch. It is a tremendous feeling to stumble on somewhere uniquely Parisian without the aid of a guide book. This was an unpromising kiosk with an extraordinary clientele of dog owners. At one table there were leather-jacketed bikers. Their neighbours were a pair of genteel and exquisitely dressed elderly ladies. There was a family group of moth-

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Gallery, the Marmoltan are all gracious buildings in lovely grounds, with just enough great art to leave you feeling nourished but not overfed. At the Marmottan there is a room. full of wondrous medieval illuminations, all blues and pinks and golds worked in meticulous detail. And, downstairs, a collection of some of the best-known Impressionist queue was snaking out of the works, including Water Lilies front door. The food, when it and, the painting which gave a arrived, was cold; the sauce had congealed during the long name to the movement, Impression: Sunrise.

hiatus. The service was sloppy and imperious. Mustafa's ki-Beautiful paintings should be enough to transport the osk, at a fraction of the price, true romantic into a state of won hands down.

hausted before you start.

dreamy intoxication. But my Graveyards may not be most people's idea of a romanbusband and I are a pair of shameless voluptuaries. We tic outing, but they are mine. A need the real thing. We return to our bedroom for a glass of moss-covered morgue brings out the moochy adolescent in champagne and a duo of religieuses: two sumptuous me, which was the last time my heart was broken. And as balls of coffee-iced pastry." all romantics know, it is Emerging several hours lat-er, we were refreshed, invigoalways more lyrical to be love's victim than her victor. Pere Lachaise Cimetiere, rated and ready for more food.

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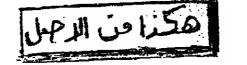
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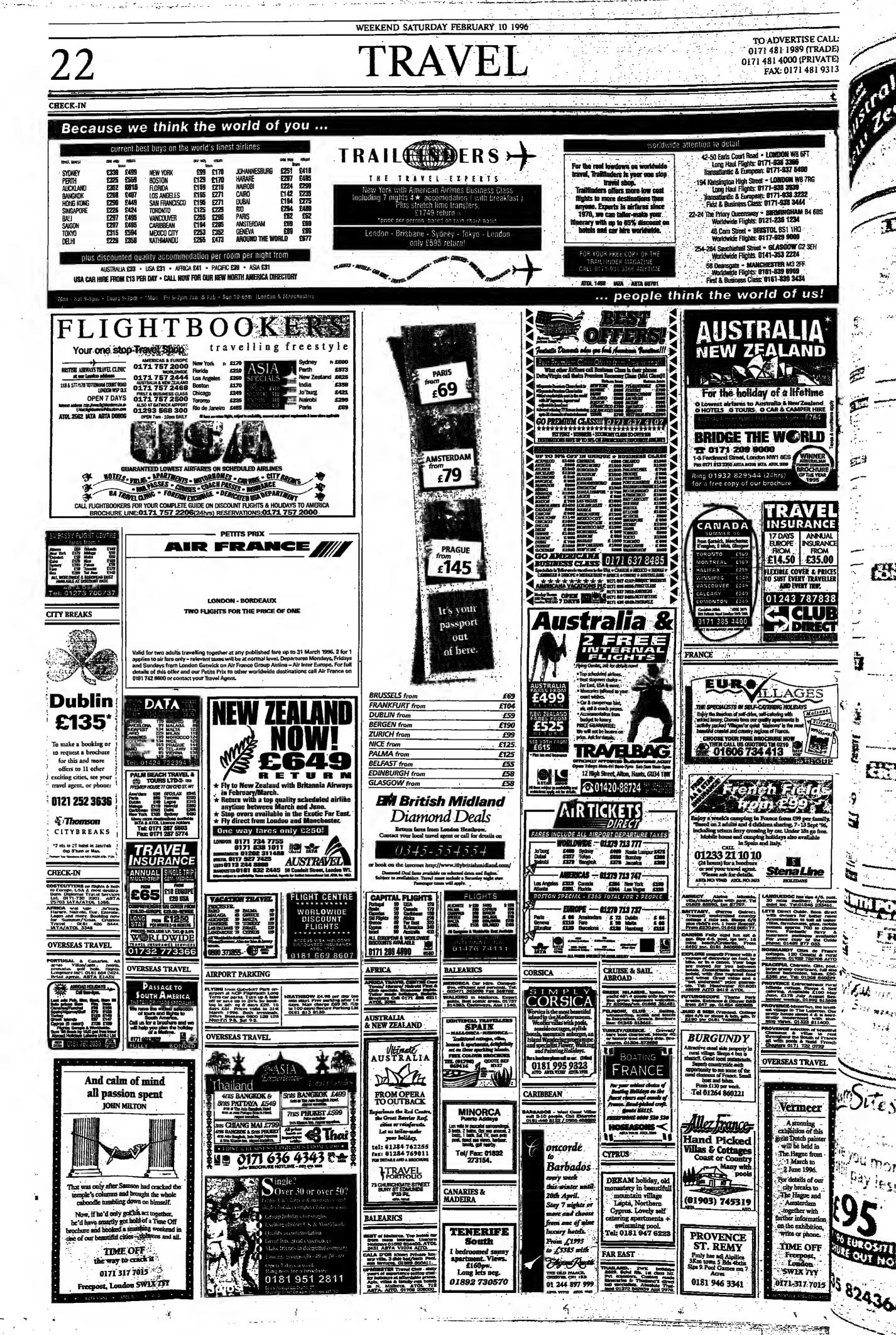


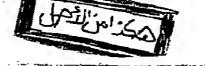
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Neil Maclean explores the chewing-gum island of Chios; and Mike Gerrard samples Greek food



Homer's secret hideaway

The first pupil to be scolded for chewing gum in class - and 1 am almost completely sure of my facts here - was one of Homer's lads, sitting on the rocky outcrop above the village of Vrontados on the island of Chios. The old blind poet, perched

on what is now known as Homer's Seat, on hearing sounds of mastication, uttered the immortal lines: "What are you chewing boy? Spit it our," which has since became a refrain of teachers throughout the ages, only recently super-seded, in the late 20th century. by: "What are you smoking boy? Get off the ceiling."

It is tempting to assume an island which is famous for little more than Homer and chewing gum must be a dull place but Chios hides a bright light under a modest bushel. Few tourists even know of the island's existence, although it is the fifth largest island in the Greek collection. Even some of my most enthusiastic Greeksland-hopping friends failed to locate it on their usually detailed mental mans. You find it between Lesbos

and Samos, so close to Turkey that the castle of Cesme can be clearly seen across the water on a sunny day. It is an affluent place, thanks to maritime money: 15 per cent of the world's commercial shipping is said to be owned by Chiot families and, until recently, they have felt little motivation to enter the tourist market. Besides, Chios has few really good beaches to attract the tourist crowds; a holiday here is more cerebral than that For me, the highlight of the

island was a visit to the monastery of Nea Moni. Founded in 1045 and inspired by a trio of monks who sponed a miraculous icon on the site, it other uses. is an atmospheric place, pungent with incruse, and has the best views of the island. A bearded priest ushered me through an entrance way covered in ancient, smudged frescoes to another chamber, this time alive with an astonishing array of mosaics, celebrated for the vibrancy of their colours. Sombre-looking saints glared at me from the ceiling. "During the midnight masses," said the priest, "these faces shimmering in the candle light seem to come alive." In the katholikon next door a clock struck eight - six hours adrift - stuck on an-

cient Byzantine time. The priest paused to show me a curboard full of human skulls, a reminder of the infamous Turkish massacre of 1822. The mastic-producing vil-

lages in the south of Chios. collectively known as the Masticora, were treated less-harshly by the Turks at that time, thanks to their valuable crop. It seems the women in the sultan's harem were particularly fond of their chewing

Behind one perfectly ordigum, although mastic has 101 nary-looking white-washed fa-cade 1 found the little vaulted For some reason, Chios is one of the very few places in church of Taxiarchis and, at the world where trees produce the far end, a massive reredos carved in the 12th century mastic. Some people say it is from a single chestnut tree, featuring delicately traced because of a combination of the island's volcanic terrain, soil and climate; villagers scenes from the old and new believe it is thanks to the tears testaments, an intricate braille of Saim Issidor, murdered in Bible, each little section worth

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AD 250 by the Romans for a thousand words. The man who carved that embracing Christianity. The most interesting of the Masticora is the village of drank a bottle of ouzo every day to keep him in good humour," the old caretaker Mesta, a classic example of fortified architecture with all told me. the houses facing inwards, inter-connected by arches from roof to roof, assisting the Chios has had more than its fair share of invaders over the centuries including the Genovillagers to flee attacking piese, who ruled the island for 500 or so years from the 14th century, and who, more than anyone, exploited the mastic

Chios fact file

□ The author was a guest of the Greek Islands Club, 66 High Street, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey KTI2 IBU (01932 220477) and stayed at the Villa Argentikon, featured by the chub. Prices range from £893 for a week in May to £1.180 a. week in August. The prices are per person for four people sharing a villa, and include return flights from Heathrow to Athens, domestic flights to Chios and breakfast.

business. Columbus plained of high prices when he arrived in 149: to pick up crew. maps and mastic trees to plan should he reach India. The explorer stayed in the Villa Homerica in the Campos area. a fertile valley close to Chora the capital, which became home to the ruling Genoese elite and wealthy Chiots.

Many of the old villas still stand behind high, honey coloured stone walls, includ ing the Villa Argentikon. It is run as a sort of house party by the current marchese, a soft spoken aristocrat from one o the old ruling Genoese families.

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There are four villas within the two and a half acres o flower beds, orchards, herl gardens and secluded corners At dinner you are served :. Homeric feast by smart white-gloved waiters at :. candlelit table covered in rose: and set with the family silve: under a spreading plane tree. It seems very far away from most people's idea of a Greek island holiday; but then fev people even know Chios is :. Greek island.



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THE ITINERARY DAY 1 London (Heathrow) - Moscow Embark essel which will moor overnight. DAY 2 Moscow Morning city excursion. Sail in the atternoon. DAY 3 Uglich Founded in 1148 this Golder Ring city offers a treasure prove of historic ites. Visit the Kremtin, the cathedral and church of St John and the cathedral of the

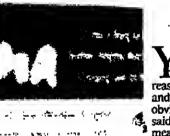
Transfiguration. DAY 4 Kostroma Home to the noble families

Mari folk music. This is the capital of the Mari Autonomous Republic, the Mari are ethnically DAY 16 Symbirsk Formerly known as Ulyanovsk, this was the birthplace and boyhood home of Lenin. A Soviet shrine for ted to the Finns. In the afternoon we will over 70 years, it is surprising to see how ominent a place Lenin still occupies in the national psyche.

DAY 17 Kazan Half Russian, half Tartar this thriving port is a unique blend of Christian and em cultures. Conquered by the ever ndustrious Ivan the Terrible in 1552 this capital of the Tartar republic was founded in

call into the delightful village of Yunno, a well preserved merchant village of the 19th century which is surrounded by forest. DAY 19 Yaroslavi Founded In 1010 this is one of the foremost cities of the Golden Ring. In the 17th century it established itself as a rcantile centre and was home to some of the richest families, resulting in some

we hope to arrange an outdoor concert of



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reasons: smog; traffic, crowds and few attractions beyond the obvious ones. Worst of all, it is said, you can't get a decent meal there, particularly in the tourist rip-off area known as the Plaka. Here, among the



So what do you do for the rest of the day, to pass the time between meals? See the Acropolis, of course, and the National Archaeological Museumi, and try not to miss the old classical site of Agora.

The Acropolis Study Centre has a fascinating display on how the Parthenon was built.

rates - and these days, I was told, useful for young lovers hiding from parents.

many restainants, there is only one safe place to eat, they. assure you. The trouble is, they all recommend somewhere different.

First, food. In the past couple of years I've spent several weeks in Athens, and eaten well for little more than the price of a visit to a burger bar in Britain. Take Socrates Prison, for example, where I would gladly be imprisoned for a week in order to eat my way through the menu and sip the draught Guinness. Only a marble's throw from the Acropolis, the inside has a cosy, bar-like atmosphere, with pre-Raphaelite prints on the walls. Outside, there is an attractive walled garden. For E4 I had a delicious beef roll stuffed with parsley, green pepper and aubergine, and, afterwards (for £1.50) a oven-baked apple bursting with raisins, sultanas and walnuts. and drowning in cream. The Salamandra has only Greek menus, so take your phrase book or take a chance

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A taste of unknown Athens

Icon shop in Monastiraki, near the Plaka and flea market

on specials, which include look at the food but to check out the chef. If he looks as if he saganaka (fried cheese) and spetsofai (a spicy sausage and has just escaped from prison. pepper stew from the Pelion with the blood of his crimes peninsula). And, if you think still on his apron, and he has a cigarette dangling from his lips, you're safe. The food will probably be excellent. Greek salad means only one thing, how about one of its creamy Roquefort salads? For Plaka atmosphere, eat

In the Plaka, there are any number of good eating places, in one of the three basement as well as a few of the fasttavernas along Kidhathineon. To eat outdoors, go to Xynos or O Platanos. Vegetarians should head for the Eden and turnover, poor-quality kind. Follow a few simple rules when eating in Greece, and you will not go far wrong. Never eat anywhere which employs someone to coax you inside. its spinach or mushroom pies. meat-free moussaka and the best brown bread this side of Ask to see the kitchen - not to the Bosphorus. . .

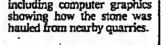
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mong the many smaller museums of Athens, my favourite is the Museum of Greek Musical Instruments, in a 19th-century Plaka mansion. Here you can listen to the exhibits. These range from the urban blues of rembetika to shepherd's pipes and even a display on how to make music from a combination of worry beads and a wine glass. If you thought Greek music was a load of bouzouki, think again. The Goulandris Museum of

Cycladic Art is another treat. the central items being the artefacts of the Cycladic civilisation of 3000-2000 BC.

Finally, go beyond the Plaka's souvenir shops into the flea market west of Monastiraki Square, particularly on Sunday mornings, when the market extends for miles, and the ooise is enough to wake the dead in the Kerameikos Cemetery alongside. Want to buy a religious icon, a stuffed stork. a car engine, second-hand camera, bootleg music tapes? Then come to Athens on a Sunday morning.

In fact, go to Athens at anytime. I love the place. So might you

• Mike Gerrard is the author of Essential Athens (published by the AA, £4.99].

re me you Romanov was elected Tsar. See wooderful 18th and 19th century architecture including the Ipatyevsky Monastery.

the Tartars. DAY 5 Nizhni Novgorod Formerly known as Gorki, the city was closed to foreigners until 1990. Founded in 1221 It became famous as an important trading post attracting caravane from Siberia and the Orient. Visit the

magnificent Kremlin DAY 6 Cruising the Volga

DAY 7 Samara We will spend the atternoon in this important river trading city. Stroll along the river promenades and time permitting visit Stalin's secret bunker, built in 1942 as a precaution in case he had to flee from Moscow

DAY 8 Cruising the Voiga

DAY S Volgograd (formerly Stalingrad) Explore this strategically placed city at the confluence of the Volga and Don rivers. Visit Marrai Hill, site of the most terocious fighting during the Winter of 1942 which resulted in over 200,000 deaths. See the 170ft statue of Mother Russia and the memorial - a most moving experience.

DAY 10 Cruising the Volga

to Russia

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DAY 11 Astrakhan Located 70 teet below sea level on a huge island in the Volga Delta. This is a fascinating city which is divided by the Kutum River and linked by more than 30 oridges. The city's old bridge with dozens of arches, is over two miles long. Ivan the Terrible conquered the city in 1556 and annexed it

DAY 12 Cruising the Volga DAY 13 Divushkin Island A morning to walk and relax in peaceful setting. DAY 14 Saratov One of the oldest cities on the Volga, Seratov is surrounded by mountain and is best known as the home of the writer nd politician, Cheryshevsky and the world's first cosmonaut - Yuri Gargarin.

emyansk-Yurino Here in DAY 18 Kozmod the Circus. this lovely town founded by tvan the Terrible Main deck Upper deck Boat deck Detote

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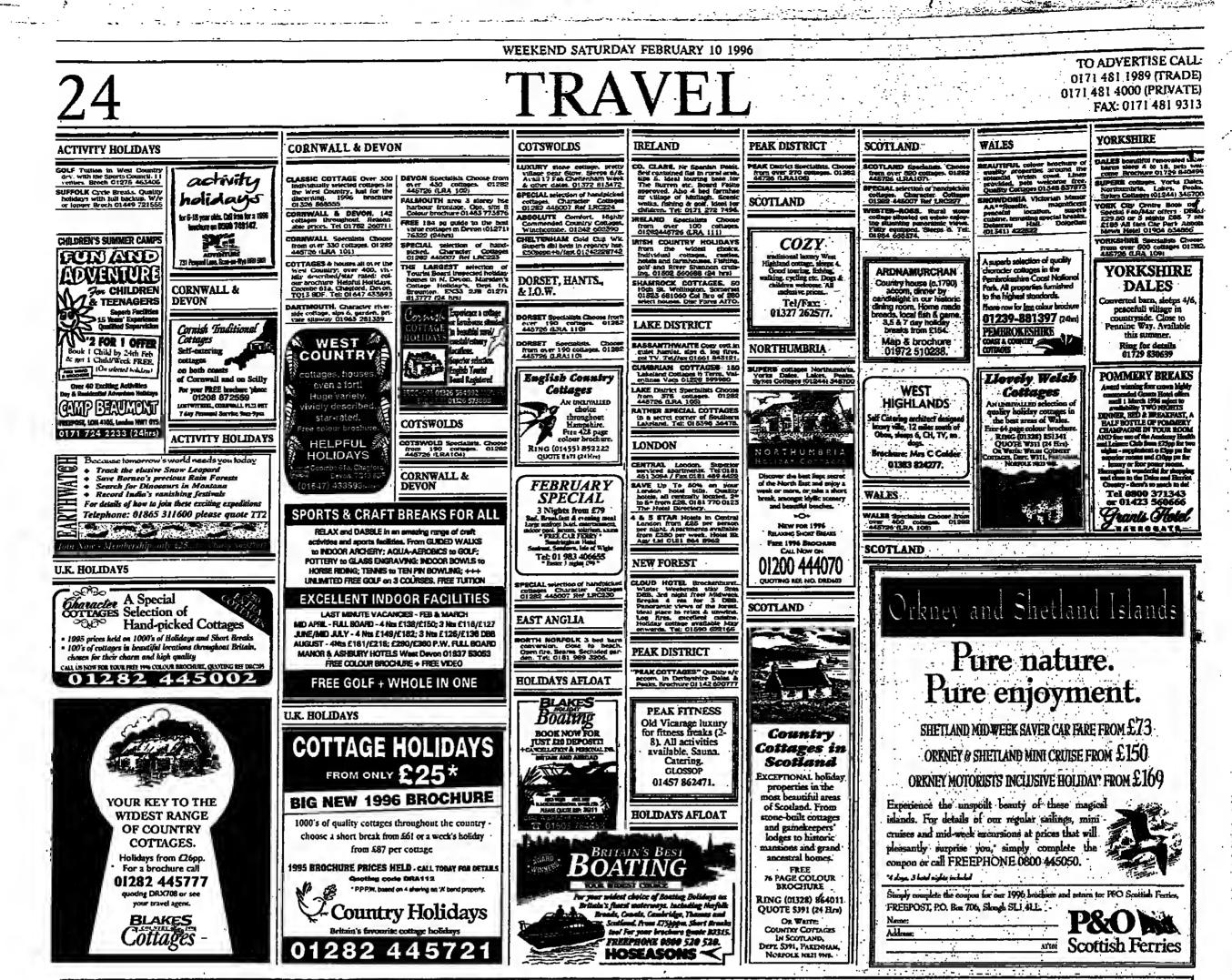


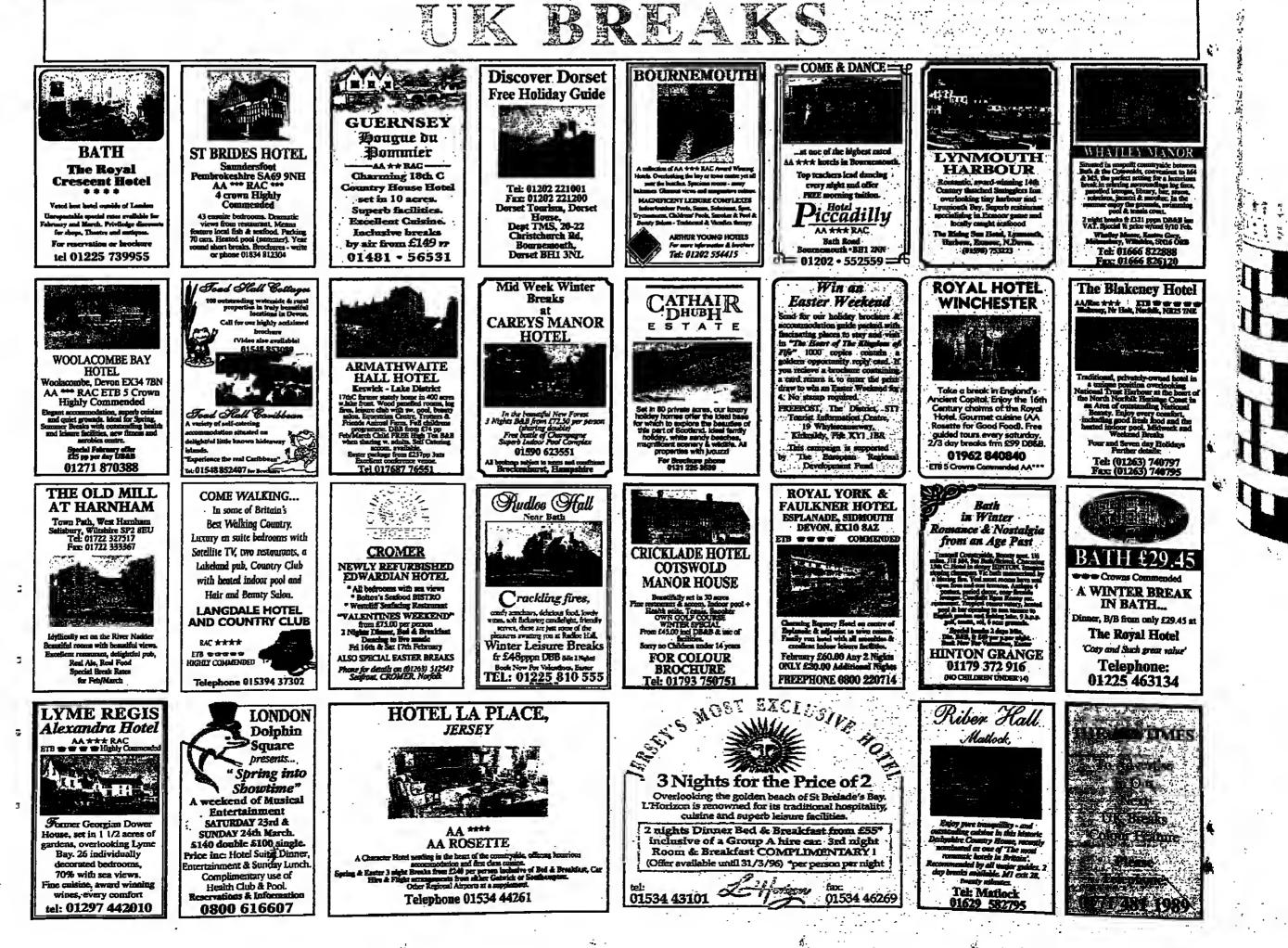
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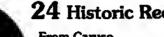
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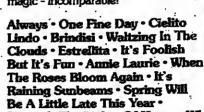
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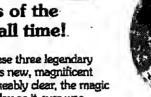
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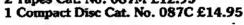
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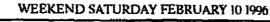
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21 Ndxe6 23 h6

signed to prevent this, but he is in for a shock. 20 ... Qd7.

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22 Ng6+ Kxh7

Finally wrenching open the h-file

but at heavy material cost. 23.

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DERN chess contains a bloodty element which was not ant in earlier decades of this iry. The reason is the preva-of the Sicilian Defence as an lote to 1 e4. Practitioners of the ian rely on long-term endgame untages, such as control of the open c-file and the more the gauntlet first of a savage te middlegame. More often not, the black king is gunned les, while, as the following ie shows, the black king is not ssarily safe, even once it has led on the kingside.

White: E. Schiller Black: T. Wolski San Mateo, 1995 Sicilian Defence

Nc3 d4 Bc4 Bg5 246a Nf6 d6 z6 exd4 HXd4 Bb3 et line of Schiller's. Amazingly, fairly ordinary position is not

ie books. . Be7 9 63 0-0. Avoiding the cal minefield of 9... Nxe4 10 Nxc3 11 Bxd8 Nxd1 12 Bb6. re Black was doubtless con-ed that his errant knight would escape unscathed. The text sets scene for slashing attacks on osite wings.

0d2 h4 35 Na5 b5 Be7 11 g4 13 Bbd6 Oc7 Ext6 :k is overly concerned to retain bishop pair, but he does so at

expense of time, 14 ... Bxd4 uld be considered as an provement. i go. A vigorous pawn sacrifice

improve on perpetual check. 1 the plan of bludgeoning his 24 ... Bg5 25 Rg1 Qb5 25 gx/8Q Rb/8 27 14 / through after 15 ... hxg6 16 h5 17 h6. Black prefers not to take bait. material with interest and wraps

5 . . . Nxb3 16 gxh7+. Kh8. isting that the pawn on h7 will and his king. In this hope Black enly partially justified.

64 18 Nce2 Bb7 20 Nf4 axb3 b5

27 ... K17 28 Rug5 Qb6 29 0-0-0 Bxe4 30 Qxd6 Qxd6 31 Rxd6 Re8 32 Rd2 Bt5 33 Rxt5+ ext5 34 Rd5 K16 35 Rxa5 Re8 36 Re6+ K17 37 Rc6 Re4 38 Rc4 Re1+ 39 Kd2 Rb1 40 Rxb4 Rxb2 41 Kc1 Ra2 42 Ra4 ending to sacrifice his d4-knight eo. which 20 . . . e5 would not er. Black's next move is de-Black resigns.

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White regains all of his sacrificed

up the technical phase efficiently.



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By Philip Howard HAMEL a. A lost Semitic language b. An African croft c. A wether NANCY DAW5ON a. An effeminate dance b. A sudden storm с. An insincere excuse MICROBUS a. A smail bus b. A man like a microbe c. A flatterer KYU Dried mushroom b. Bad at Judo c. Green-blue

TERENCE REESE, who died two weeks ago aged 82, was a great player and writer, the best this country has produced. He was in Brinsh teams that won four European championships, and in the only Briosh team to win a world championship (in 1955). At that time many experts rated him the best player in the world.

He was also involved in the most widely publicised incident the game has seen: it was front-page news worldwide. In the 1965 World championship in Buenos Aires, he and Boris Schapiro were found guilty of cheating by the World Bridge Federation. The British Bridge League carried out its own inquiry and found them not guilty but Reese and Schapiro did not play together again.

For 60 years Reese was one of the most prolific bridge writers, with more than 80 books to his name. He is certainly one of the three alltime best authors (and was voted so at the 1994 Pairs Olympiad, along with Victor Mollo and Hugh Kelsey), and I rate him the finest. His book on the Ruenos Aires affair (Story of on Accusation) is riveting, full of lucid analysis of the hands and piercing insights into the personalities involved.

As doyen of the bridge writers, he had the status to write uncomplimentary book reviews, and some were famously cutting. A few examples: of a beginner's book which took a page to describe the play of AQJx opposite Kx: "Well, that's something learned"; the dismissal of one of Victor Mollo's books in one sentence: "At least there are no animals in it"; and of a book called

"The author should hasten to take them." But a favourable review was the lead quote in any publisher's advertisements.

BRIDGE

by Robert Sheehan

All the obituaries of Reese men-tioned his "acid wit". Undoubtedly he could be rude. While playing at Crockfords, the home of rubber bridge in London for many years. Terence partnered a newcomer who made an elementary mistake. While dealing the next hand the newcomer, by now rather nervous, turned over a card and had to redeal. Terence remarked to one of his opponents: "The so-and-so can't even deal properly." Except that he didn't say "so-and-so".

He was fluent in French, and often used French phrases in daily conversation: in his wonderfully funny letters to Boris he always addressed Boris as "cher collegue". in return for board and lodging at a tournament in Deauville, he and I played in an exhibition event. Terence's only instructions to me were: "Il faut éviter le cuiller de bois." ("we must avoid the wooden spoon"). You might think from some of these stories that he was a disagreeable person. Not so. He had friends of all ages and from many countries. I first got to know him in the late 1960s, and those of my generation loved his company. Though he was 25 years older than us, he was still one of the boys. His

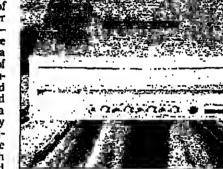
sharp remarks were just part of the general good-humoured exchanges, and even the targets enjoyed them. Where does he stand in the game? For his overall contribution

to the game, I place him second only to Ely Culbertson. I shall miss him

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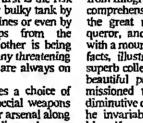
ing the fatal Trafalgar, as well as tour a model of the Victory.

Finally, a reminder that our competition, Cyberspace Twenty-One, is offering five readers the opportunity to win an NEC 4x4c multispin CD-Rom jukebox. This is a sleek quad-speed drive, which is simple to install and loads up to four disks at a time.

To enter Cyberspace Twenty-One you are asked to invent a game. The idea can be as outlandish as you like so long as it is exceedingly playable. The competition is open to all ages and the judges will favour originality. Entries must be legible and between 150 and 350 words.

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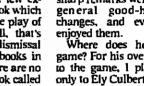
Europe and the Empire from infogrames. This is a comprehensive study of the great reformist conqueror, and it is packed with a mountain of related facts, illustrations and a superb collection of many beautiful paintings com-missioned to glorify the diminutive dictator, which

Answers on page 16 | Twelve Lessons on Bridge, he said:

wake bringing swinging and lasting reforms to promote the growth of by Tim Wapshott liberalism, including a decent education for all. Such revolutionary ideas never reached British soil because, as rouch

as he eyed the country enviously and dubbed us a "nation of shopkeepers". we were the sworn enemy which eventually brought about his downfall, thanks in no small measure to one Horatio Nelson, who was born in Burnham Thorpe,

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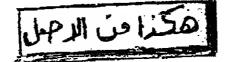
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Howard set to reject Hindley transfer

BY RICHARD FORD AND KATE ALDERSON

MICHAEL HOWARD is expected to reject a Parole Board recommendation that Myra Hindley be moved to an open prison and given the hope of eventual freedom. The Home Secretary will give his verdicl on the proposal that Hindley be transferred to easier jail

conditions within the next few Hindley, 54, yesterday refused to comment oo the

proposed move, disclosed in The Times, during a telephone conversation from Durham Prisun with a member of her legal team. She is understood to want a move to the more relaxed regime offered by the three open jails for women in England and Wales and hopes fur her freedom.

But she accepts the practical and political difficulties involved in a move to a prison without perimeter fences. Mr Howard, visiting Birmingham, said no decision had yet been made on the recommendation, which was

made after a review of her case last month. The Home Secretary is unlikely to risk the public outcry that moving Hindley to an open jail would cause. He is also likely to take into account the fears for her safety if she were sent to a prison where it would be easy for members of



Howard: taking wider ctors into account

prison source said: "Ironical-ly, Hindley probably needs protection from the public rather than the other way round Mr Howard is under no obligation to accept the Parole Board recommendation and can take into account wider considerations than whether Hindley represents a risk to

the public. One is "maintaining public confidence in the

criminal justice system?. The Parole Board sugges-tion provoked fury from the parents of children who were killed by Hindley and her lover, Ian Brady. They were jailed for life in 1966 for the murders of Lesley Ann Dow-ney and Edward Evans. In 1987 Hindley confessed to her role in the killings of Paoline Reade and Keith Bennett.

It was this confession which caused Lord Waddington, when Home Secretary in 1990, to order her to remain in prison for the rest of her life. Yesterday Ann West, the mother of Lesley Anne, said she was disgusted by the recommendation. "I was satisfied with her imprisonment in Durham but this new recommendation is devastating,"

she said. "Hindley has tortured me for the last 31 years and she should stay behind bars under lock and key. She is an evil and calculating woman and I'm sure she will try and escape from an open prison." Winnie Johnson, the mother of Keith Bennett, who went missing aged 12 in June 1964 and whose body was never found, said she believed Hindley would attempt to escape from an open prison: "She will do her best to escape and when she does I will follow her and lorture her like she tortured the children she killed.

Anyone who can believe she would not kill again if she got the chance must be an idiot."



David Lane, clutching his father's helmet, with his mother at Blaina cemetery.

Village pays tribute to firemen

BY A STAFF REPORTER

FIREFIGHTERS and vilfathers' yellow helmets. lagers lined the streets of Blaina, Gwent, yesterday to pay tribute to two firemen who dled in a blazing house last week.

The coffins of Kevin Lane, 32, and Stephen Griffin, 42, were carried on two fire tenders decked with wreaths. Mr Lane's son David, 8,

travelled in the front seat. At the service Mr Griffin's daughler Tina, 17, sang the pop song Eternal Flame.

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Minister backed on probation training

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The High Court has backed the Home Secretary's move to scrap the need for Iraince probation officers to have a social work qualification. The probation officers' trade union had claimed that Michael Howard had abused lus powers by ending the requirement.

But two judges ruled that he had acted within his discretion when he decided that a social work diploma or similar qualification was no longer appro-priate and instead recruits should train "on the job". Mr Howard will now push ahead with attempts to recruit more mature entrants, including retired members of the Forces, into the Probation Service.

Leave to appeal was re-fused, and the union was ordered to pay Mr Howard's costs.

Spending limit

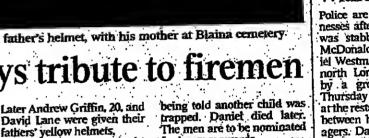
A plan to cap public spending and eliminate the threat up emergency tax increases was put forward last night by a former Cabinet minister. John Pattern, Education Secretar, from 1992-94, said that by law the State should not be able to spend more than 40 per cent of national income. John Major has said he would like to get spending down to 35 per cent of gross domestic product.

Witness appeal

Police are appealing for wil-nesses after a 16-year-old boy was stabbed to death in a McDonald's restaurant. Daniel Westmacott, of Edmonton, iei westmacott, of Edmonton, north London, was attacked by a group of youths on Thursday after an altercation at the restaurant in Edmonton between him and three leen-agers. Daniet was stabled in the back with a science inch the back with a seven-inch carving knife.



Rupert Joslin, 86, is consider-Rupert Joslin, 86, is consider-ing legal action against Wyo-ombe. General Hospital. Buckinghamshire, after it admined responsibility for the death of his wife, Violet, 85. Mr Joslin, of Marlow, gave his wife twice the recommended does of the drag warlacin, on a dose of the drug warlarin on a hospital technician's instruotion. A verdict of accidental



At Blaina cemetery the for bravery awards. In pravery awards. I The supermarket blaze in which the firefighter Fleur Lombard died on Sunday was started deliberately, police Welsh dragon flags that had covered the men's coffins were given to their widows, Margaret Griffin and Sian said yesterday. Detectives were questioning a 20 year old security guard at the Leo's store at Staple Hill, Bristol Lane. The two firemen were. then laid to rest side by side. The funeral procession passed within 200 yards of the About .500. members of charred council house where Avon Fire Brigade are expectthe part-time firemen died last . week. They had rescued Dan-iel Harford, 5, and went back ... Lombard, 21, in Derby Cathe-into a house after wrongly dral on Thesday... ed at the funeral of Miss

the British and other Euro

pean governments were in a

single currency. His ex-changes with Mr Major and

Jacques Santer, President of

the European Commission,

showed that Britain can veto a

move to a single currency.

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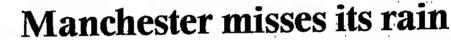
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BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE crisis facing the nation's water supplies was underscored yesterday with news that Manchester, known as one of the rainies1 cilies in England, is now one uf Europe's driest, ahead of Madrid and Athens. Weathermen said the past

len months in the area had been the driest for 70 years. Britain's weather patterns "In absolute terms, Majorca been the driest," the Manchesler weather centre said. "But as a proportion. announced a £75 million pro-gramme to preserve supplies. Manchester has been the driest in Western Europe, with 50

per cent of its normal rainfall. Most parts of Europe have had 80 to 90 per cent of their The anti-drought schemes include 34 projects to guarantee supplies to towns in east Lancashire and east and south of Manchester, where local

The centre added that the winter had been unseasonally reservoirs have emptied, and 26 projects to provide an extra dry because cold easterlies 105 million litres of water a had pushed the usual rainday by increased abstraction bearing Atlantic weather from boreholes and upgradfronts north and south of the ing treatment works. British Isles. This was one of Parts of Scotland, Wales the reasons why Spain had had such bad weather.

and the North of England face The findings, which under-line how the past year has seen the threat of flooding this weekend as rising tempera-tures begin a rapid thaw of ice and snow. The far north of Scotland will by battered by turn upside-down, making the North drier than the South. gales and driving sleel. came as North West Water

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Major says status of **EMU test is unclear**

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JULL SHERMAN

JOHN MAJOR has admitted that the status of one of the key tests for a 1998 go-ahead for a single currency is unclear.

The Prime Minister's comment came in a letter to Peter Shore, the former Labour Cabinet minister, who has been pressing the Government to concede that the effective collapse of the European Exchange Rate Mcchanism has wrecked the legal basis for economic and monetary union.

Last night Mr Shore said

death was recorded at an inquest yesterday. Scott hits back Sir Richard Scott today defends his arms to Iraq inqui-ry, denying that it was either unfair or aggressive. "I don't think there is any argument to support the unfairness

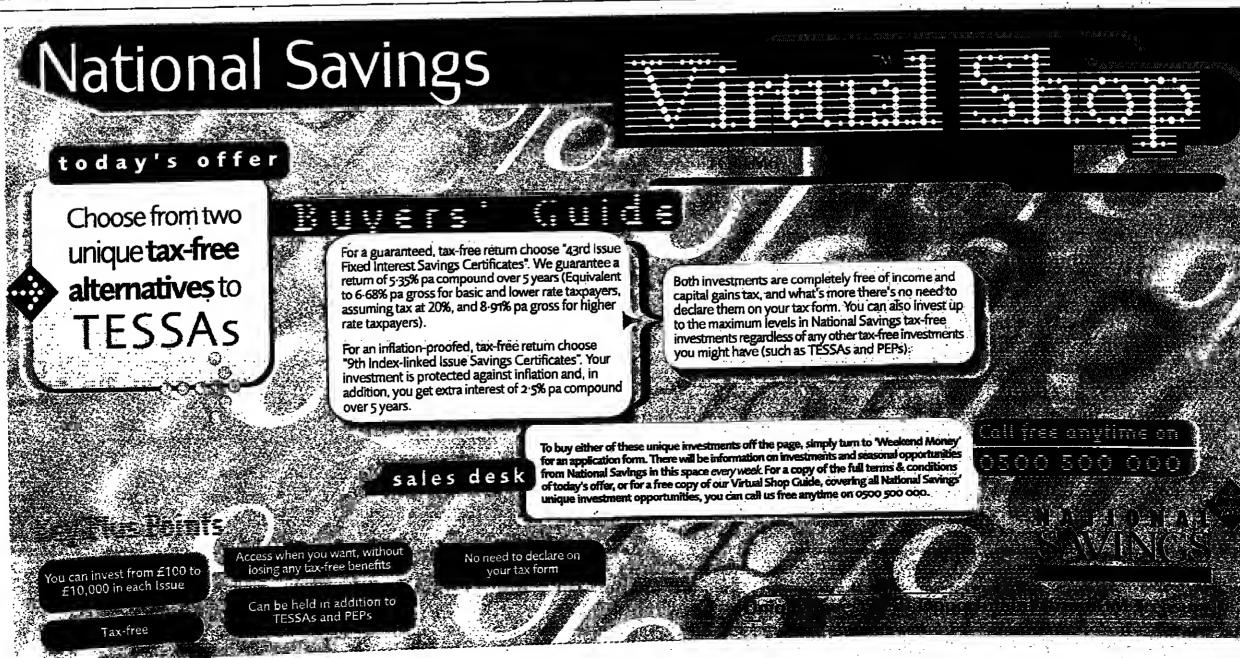
charge," he says in an inter-view with The Times. He acknowledges that ministers were put under pressure in giving evidence in public but says that it was justified. Valeric Grove, page 6

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A photograph yesterday of Mrs Ann Fidler was incorrectly captioned in some editions. We apologise for the error.



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